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Hartford sees spike in deadly shootings

Gun violence rates steadily higher than before pandemic

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

A grandmother was killed by a drive-by shooter while gardening in her front yard. A young woman was hit by a fatal bullet while asleep in her own bed. Two men, in separate incidents, crashed their cars when they were fatally shot while driving.

In the first four months of 2022, 11 people were fatally shot in the city of Hartford — up 22% from this time in 2021 and 2020 when nine people were killed by gunfire by the end of April, according to data provided by the Hartford Police Department.

The number of non-fatal shootings recorded between January and April each year since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic has stayed about the same. There were 35 in the first four months of 2022, 36 in the first four months of 2021 and 35 in the first four months of 2021, according to police data. However, the spike in homicides in the years since the start of the pandemic is evident.

In 2019, the city had 147 shootings, 21 of them fatal.

In 2020, when Connecticut residents spent months in state-ordered lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of shootings rose dramatically, with 232 shootings, 25 of them fatal.

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Drenda Stanley visits the Mather Street memorial for Kendall Fair, 22, where Fair was shot and killed in January in Hartford's first homicide of the year. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**



Tiana Hercules, a Hartford city councilwoman, lawyer and founder of Lady Jane, a cannabis business, is pictured at 101 Pearl Street in downtown Hartford, where she hopes to open her store sometime next year. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Competition fierce for cannabis licenses

With thousands so far, 'very small chance' for applicants

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Tiana Hercules faces stiff competition as she seeks to launch a retail cannabis business in Hartford or New London.

The mother of three who is looking to "change the economic trajectory of their future" has submitted one of nearly 3,300 retail applications, as of Thursday, and is seeking a state license to be a cannabis food and beverage manufacturer.

Hercules, a lawyer and Hartford city councilwoman, also is applying for a cultivation license in a

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Cannabis plants in a University of Connecticut greenhouse grow THC-free hemp. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

"It's a true opportunity to enter on the business side and great potential to the community and how revenue from an industry can be reinvested in the community."

— Tiana Hercules, lawyer, Hartford city councilwoman and owner of Lady Jane

Groups see guns as a vital defense

Activists of color say their goal is to avoid any possible violence

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Second Amendment supporters often are concerned with citizens being able to protect themselves against home invasions or government overreach, but a number of Connecticut groups are defending themselves against a different threat: racism.

Racial-justice activism has been on the rise in the last few weeks, set off by a white nationalist group's efforts to recruit members in Connecticut. Organizations that demonstrate to protect the rights of Black and brown people say that facing off against potential hate crimes is perilous on an unlevel playing field. If counterprotesters come armed, they want to come armed, too.

"Being armed has allowed us to secure our safety as a unit. There are groups that ... go against what we stand for. ... That can be a very dangerous situation especially with our experience of being attacked at certain rallies and events," said Aleena Durant, a member of and trainer at Self Defense Brigade.

"Being armed brings us safety in case of an emergency. We arrive armed not to pose a threat or make anyone afraid or anything like that. It's more for our safety as a unit."

Durant and other activists of color would not say that they would carry a firearm at any particular place or time, out of concern that they will be targeted by police or counterprotesters. However, organizational leaders are unanimous in their support for armed self-defense, when the need arises.

"Armed self-defense has changed the entire landscape of organizing in Connecticut and has given people with guns and training a sense of confidence," said Cornell Lewis, founder of the Self Defense Brigade. "Self-defense is a legitimate part

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Evidence mounting of election plot

Jan. 6 review ties some Republicans to Trump schemes

By Farnoush Amiri
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rioters who smashed their way into the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, succeeded — at least temporarily — in delaying the certification of Joe Biden's election to the White House.

Hours before, Rep. Jim Jordan had been trying to achieve the same thing.

Texting with then-White House chief of staff Mark Meadows, a close ally and friend, at nearly midnight on Jan. 5, Jordan offered a legal rationale for what President Donald Trump was publicly demanding — that Vice President Mike Pence, in his ceremonial role presiding over the electoral count, somehow assert the authority to reject electors from Biden-won states.

Pence "should call out all electoral votes that he believes are unconstitutional as no electoral votes at all," Jordan wrote.

"I have pushed for this," Meadows replied. "Not sure it is going to happen."

The text exchange, in an April 22 court filing from the congressional panel investigating the Jan. 6 riot, is in a batch of evidence that shows the deep involvement of some House Republicans in Trump's desperate attempt to stay in power.

A review of the evidence finds new details about how, long before the attack on the Capitol unfolded,

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Supporters loyal to President Donald Trump storm the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, in Washington. **JOSE LUIS MAGANA/AP**

Stepping aside after 50 years teaching

Richard Martin never planned on being a teacher, but he figured he'd teach until he established his writing career. Fifty years later he's ready to retire. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1**

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Israeli guard and Palestinian man killed in the West Bank

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Israeli military on Saturday said it has arrested a pair of Palestinian assailants who allegedly shot and killed a security guard at the entrance of a Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

The detention followed a manhunt that was launched shortly after the attack late Friday. Israeli soldiers, special forces, and border police took part in the detention and seizure of weapons from the two suspects, who it said were seized in the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan.

The latest attack, combined with the death of a Palestinian man in the occupied West Bank, could further fuel tensions that have soared over the past two months. A string of Palestinian attacks in Israel and the West Bank have left 15 Israelis dead, while at least 27 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli security forces in recent weeks.

The security guard was shot outside Ariel, a major settlement in the northern West Bank, by a pair of assailants in a car, the army said. It said the guard stood in front of another guard who was with him, saving her life.

In a statement after the arrest of the suspects, Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said "no terrorist can evade us."

In Gaza, the leader of the territory's Hamas rulers, Yehiyeh Sinwar, called for stepping up attacks against Israeli targets in the West Bank, saying the "real battle arena is there."

Israeli forces on Saturday set up checkpoints and were conducting searches for the attackers in the area, the army said. It said it arrested two purported members of the Hamas militant group, but there was no immediate indication that the men were involved in the attack. Hamas praised the killing of the guard but stopped short of claiming responsibility for the shooting.

In a separate incident, Israeli troops shot and killed a 27-year-old Palestinian man in Azzun village near the town of Qalqilya early Saturday, the Palestinian Health Ministry said. The army said it had opened fire after a group of suspects threw firebombs toward the soldiers.

Tensions have been heightened in recent weeks by Palestinian shooting attacks in Israeli cities, an Israeli military crackdown in the northern West Bank, where some of the attackers came from, and recurring confrontations between Palestinians and Israeli police around the most sensitive religious site in Jerusalem.

The site contains the Al-Aqsa Mosque, the third holiest site in Islam, and increasing numbers of Palestinians go there to pray during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The hilltop compound is also the holiest site for Jews, who call it the Temple Mount because it was where the biblical Temples were situated. The site is a frequent flashpoint of tensions.

Sinwar, the Hamas leader, said more visits by religious Jewish groups to the hilltop compound and ensuing clashes between Palestinians and police forces protecting the visitors could lead to a new round of cross-border violence in Gaza.

"All the factions of resistance in the Gaza Strip must be prepared and be on alert," Sinwar said, suggesting that tension in Jerusalem will further heighten after the end of the Ramadan month, with more visits by Jews expected.

In recent weeks, Israeli police and Palestinians have clashed there on a number of occasions. Israeli authorities accuse Hamas of inciting violence and say security forces were forced to intervene to halt stone-throwing.

The Palestinians say the presence of Israeli police at the site, and regular visits by increasing numbers of nationalist and religious Jews, are a violation of decades-old informal arrangements governing the site.

Shootings

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According to studies by the Council for Criminal Justice, which analyzed data from police departments in 34 American cities to take a hard look at the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on crime rates, the number of homicides spiked significantly in 2020, as did the number of gun assaults. Homicide rates were 30% higher than in 2019 across the cities.

The council called this spike "a historic increase" with 1,268 more lives lost than the year before.

"During the pandemic, particularly the latter part of 2020 and in 2021, we saw a dramatic increase in gun violence as did cities across the state and across the country," said Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin.

Bronin said he thinks the impact the pandemic played on rising nationwide crime rates will be studied for years to come but said, "I don't think there's any questions that the pandemic and all of its consequences, direct and indirect, played a significant role here."

The mayor said that shuttered courts, interrupted probation and parole systems and an economy that "was turned upside down for so long" were contributing factors, as were "the deep and continuing psychological impacts of this pandemic on so many people."

Though the number of total shootings in Hartford in 2021 took a slight downward turn from the 2020 spike, last year was Hartford's deadliest year since 2003, with 34 fatal shootings in 2021, up from 25 in 2020. Each year since the COVID-19 outbreak, more fatal and nonfatal shootings have been reported in Hartford than any other year dating back to 2009.

Whether 2022 in total will result in another spike or a downward trend is yet to be seen. So far, homicides are on the rise.



Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, surrounded by city officials and local leaders, speaks at Hartford City Hall on March 3 to announce "HEARTeam," the city's civilian crisis response initiative.
SEAMUS MCAVOY/HARTFORD COURANT

One trend Bronin said he has noticed in the city is more personally targeted fatal shootings.

"At the same time that there's been a stabilizing or even a decrease in gun violence, so much of the gun violence we're seeing is deeply personal. It is targeted. It is between people who know one another. In many cases, it is between people who know each other very well. We are seeing more violence that feels more deeply personal or even intimate."

The mayor said the city has also seen a significant percentage of shootings that have ties to drug trade or drug trafficking — this doesn't necessarily mean "turf battles" between dealers, he said, but could stem from altercations during a sale or attempted thefts.

On the first day of 2022, three people were shot. Police responded to two shootings one hour apart in different neighborhoods.

Later in January, a 16-year-old boy was shot in the middle of the night and a shooting in broad daylight wounded a 15-year-old boy at 65 Sumner St. in the Asylum Hill neighborhood, according to police.

The city's first homicide happened on a Tuesday afternoon in January, when 22-year-old Kendall Fair of Warren Terrace in West Hartford was killed near the 100 block of Mather Street, where another person was also injured. Minutes earlier, officers had responded to another burst of gunfire in the 600 block of Albany Avenue, where at least one person, a man in his 40s, was struck by gunfire, police said.

In early February, three shootings were reported in three days to start the month, injuring a man in his 20s, a man in his 30s, and a 16-year-old boy.

Allison McCoy, 21, of Hartford, was shot while she was in bed in her home at 16 Evergreen Ave in early February. It was the city's second homicide in 24 hours. Another woman was also injured in the shooting, police said.

On the morning of Feb. 6, 20-year-old Windsor resident Tyrik Walcott was shot and killed while driving near the 2Cuzn's convenience store on Bellevue Street in the city.

Ryan McKain, 33, of Garden Street, also crashed his car in broad daylight on March 3. His car struck a house after he was fatally shot while behind the wheel.

Also in March, 62-year-old grandmother Cynthia Reynolds was killed by a bullet that flew from a car speeding down Irving Street in the wrong direction. Reynolds had stopped home between her two jobs as a nurse and stepped out into her front yard to tend to her garden when she was struck. She died at a hospital a few days later.

The city's most recent shootings happened on Townley Street and Garden Street. On April 24, two people turned up at a city hospital with gunshot wounds as police were investigating reports of shots fired at 18 Townley Street. A woman in her 30s was in stable condition after being shot once, and an 18-year-old man was critically injured by another bullet, police said.

On April 28, a man in his 20s suffered a gunshot wound that wasn't life-threatening in the area of 317 Garden St., police said.

The mayor said the city is continuing to strengthen its community partnerships to combat increasing fatal shooting rates and will be launching a hospital-based violence intervention program that will aim to offer support immediately after someone has been a victim of gun violence.

"The number of fatal shootings is up and any gun violence of any kind, especially any gun violence that injures someone, is traumatic and painful for our community and for any community," said Bronin.

"Fatal gun violence has an ever deeper and more profound effect on a community, emotionally and psychologically."

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Sunday, May 1

PLAY3 DAY
7 9 9 **WB:** 5

PLAY4 DAY
3 1 1 9 **WB:** 5

The late lotto numbers were not drawn in time for this edition. For results, please visit courant.com/lottery.

SATURDAY'S LATE NUMBERS

PLAY3 NIGHT
6 2 7 **WB:** 6

PLAY4 NIGHT
5 2 9 8 **WB:** 1

CASH 5
3 8 11 18 32

LUCKY FOR LIFE
3 5 7 33 45 **LB:** 17

POWERBALL
14 21 37 44 63 **PB:** 1 **PP:** 3

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disproportionately impacted area, a program established to compensate for treatment of underrepresented communities during the government's war on drugs.

"It's a true opportunity to enter on the business side and great potential to the community and how revenue from an industry can be reinvested in the community," she said of the enterprise she named Lady Jane.

Hercules refers to "conscious cannabis consumption" she says can help users alleviate pain, anxiety, depression, stress and increase sexual satisfaction.

"It's the reason why people are using cannabis or plants," she said.



Gov. Ned Lamont signs into law legalized recreational-use marijuana on June 22. Watching are, House Majority Leader Jason Rojas, from left, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, Rep. Mike D'Agostino and Senate President Pro-Tem Martin Looney. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

Deadlines approaching for applications

The outlines of Connecticut's newest industry are taking shape less than a year after Gov. Ned Lamont signed legislation authorizing the sale of recreational marijuana for adults.

Advocates and their allies in the General Assembly struggled for years to legalize marijuana. They stumbled in their first steps when then-Gov. M. Jodi Rell vetoed legislation in 2007 that would have allowed medical marijuana.

It wasn't until 2012 that medical marijuana became legal in the state, and Connecticut became the 19th state last year to legalize adult-use cannabis. Since July 1, 2021, adults 21 or older could purchase and possess up to 1.5 ounces of marijuana, or up to 5 ounces locked at home or in a vehicle's glove box or trunk.

The opportunity to open a cannabis retail business is the most popular among the various operations involved in growing, distributing and selling marijuana. The prospect of opening a store has drawn nearly 2,000 applications to the Social Equity Council that seeks to promote cannabis business in Black and other underrepresented communities. More than 1,200 applications in the general lottery for retail have been submitted.

Another 1,542 applications have been received for lotteries that will decide who will operate seven other types of cannabis businesses: delivery service, food and beverage manufacturer, micro-cultivator, cannabis product manufacturer, packager, transporter and medical hybrid retailer.

Just 56 licenses are available. Split evenly between general licenses and those for Social Equity businesses, 12 will be available for retailers; four each for micro-cultivators and hybrid (adult and medical use) retailers, 10 each for delivery service and food and beverage businesses, six each for packagers and manufacturers and four for transporters.

A 'very small chance' for applicants

Not all applications are submitted by one individual; several may be submitted by one company. The state will run other lotteries this year, but because few licenses are now available and thousands of applications have been submitted, with more on the way, the odds are slim that an entrepreneur will get a license in the first round.

"Each applicant has a very small chance. But it's the same chance as anyone else being selected," said Sarah Westby, co-chair of the Cannabis Industry Team at the law firm Shipman & Goodwin.

With large, well-funded operations submitting numerous applications, the process appears unfair, she said. But another view is that there's less opportunity for corruption or for politicians and state employees to influence the application process, Westby said.

Kaitlyn Krasselt, spokeswoman for the state Department of Consumer Protection, said applicants who are selected in the lottery will get a provisional license. The business owner will then have 14 months to get the business operating and then receive a final license, she said.

Some businesses will be up and running this year, Krasselt said.

DeVaughn Ward, senior legislative counsel at Marijuana Policy Project, an advocacy group, questioned the fairness of Connecticut's program. Just six retail licenses are available for social equity businesses.

"Is that necessarily fair? Is that equitable?" he asked.

Ward said an absence of marketing and "a lot of red tape" have thrown obstacles in the path of applicants, particularly for the social equity lottery.

"No state has gotten it right," he said.

Elizabeth Marks, a partner in the assurance services department at Marcum Accountants and Advisors, said access to capital is a challenge for social equity cannabis businesses. She's also heard complaints about "significant fees."

"It's one of the biggest hurdles," she said.

Applicants for retail cannabis business social equity licenses must pay $250 to participate in the lottery. If they're selected, they can expect to pay $2,500 for a provisional license and $12,500 for a business license at the end of the process.

For the general lottery, the fees are twice that amount.

It's complicated

Marc Shepard, founder and president of NECANN, which organizes cannabis conventions, said standing up a new industry is complicated.

"It's not like you press a button and there are 800 liquor stores like there will be 800 cannabis businesses," he said. "People are in government 20, 30, 40 years and can't believe it's legal. They go so slowly and so cautiously."

Cannabis businesses in Maine and Massachusetts began selling three years after being established, Shepard said.

Other businesses will be drawn to Connecticut's emerging cannabis industry. Green Check Verified, a web-based app, connects the cannabis industry with banking and other financial services. Cannabis is the fastest growing consumer package goods segment, with sales expected to outstrip alcohol in two years, said Kevin Hart, founder and chief executive officer of Green Check Verified.

Federal law bars banks and other financial institutions from serving cannabis-related businesses, but Green Check Verified does business at the state level where cannabis is legal. It's working with medical marijuana dispensaries in Connecticut that are connected to financial institutions, and nationally it processed $685 million in the first quarter, Hart said.

"There are billions upon billions of dollars in cardboard boxes, suitcases under the bed, third-party storage facilities, etc.," he said. "This money has to be brought in safely and with compliance into the U.S. banking system."

Connecticut continues to tinker with cannabis businesses. The House of Representatives has approved two measures: banning cannabis gifts with the purchase of a novelty item such as a T-shirt and preventing advertising in the state by anyone without a Connecticut cannabis-related license.

The bills must clear the Senate before heading to the governor.

"It's a new business. People think the demand is there," said Rep. Holly Cheeseman, an East Lyme Republican and opponent of legal marijuana. "I continue to have my doubts about this."

Hercules is invested in Connecticut's drive to establish a cannabis industry and is taking her chances.

"I think everybody has a lot of uncertainty about the lottery and what the Social Equity Council will approve," she said. "Your name may not be selected. We're putting up our best efforts."

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of the Black experience."

Tellingly, the only activist interviewed who admitted he would be armed at a recent protest was a white man, from the ally group John Brown Gun Club. He identified himself only as Dan to protect himself from harassment. Still, he said police treat armed white people better than armed people of color.

"I believe it tends to be a more congenial conversation with us, although there are exceptions for that. I don't want to paint too negative a picture. There are many cops who play nicely with Cornell. But there tends to be less suspicion or antagonism about our arms and our right to bear them," Dan said.

John Brown Gun Club was founded in the spirit of the 18th-century firebrand and Torrington native, a white man who went to his death defending the abolitionist cause.

Self Defense Brigade teaches hand-to-hand combat, knife skills and well-practiced, disciplined collective action against hostilities. If members want to learn gun skills, Lewis refers them to experts at a rifle range.

The Huey P. Newton Gun Club was named after the founder of the Black Panther Party. Cassandra X, a member, said a great deal of its focus is gun ownership and training for Black women, to protect them from sexual violence. It also stands in solidarity with other racial justice organizations in time of protest.

Cassandra X said the first line of action she promotes is always to attempt a civil conversation with hostile people or groups. But members are well-trained and prepared if civilities do not succeed.

"We want to see how far these people are willing to go before we can meet at the yellow line and have a conversation face to face," she said. "This is what we line up for and stand for. We are at all times respectful and disciplined. However, should someone feel the need to cross boundaries and disrespect us, I will address it."



Activist groups protesting racism in Connecticut often use armed security to protect themselves against potential danger and de-escalate tense situations. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

Activists say they do not carry guns hoping to fire them. They hope they don't. Simply the appearance of guns, or antagonists' knowledge that activists have guns, is enough to de-escalate a tense situation.

"The value of being armed is really about leveling the playing field in systems of power. The gun is a tool of power and can be used in incredibly problematic, dangerous, violent ways," said Dan. "It also can be used to balance the power. ... The threat is lessened if people are armed in response."

West recalled a rally in the Quiet Corner, which he organized at the request of activists in that town.

"The neo-Nazis, skinheads and the white supremacists contacted me on social media saying, don't come up there," West said. They went anyway. In advance of the rally, West contacted state officials and local law enforcement to inform them that they would be armed at the protest, "but not to start anything."

"We got up there. The racists stood across from us, walking back and forth between the trees, watching us. I believe had we not said we were going there armed it would have been different, that in spite of the police they would have tried something," he said. The event proceeded and ended peacefully.

New Era Young Lords, a community resource group that focuses on mutual aid and other basic needs for underserved communities, is an ally organization with racial justice groups. Alyssa Suitter of NEYL said gun ownership is useful because it is naïve to think hate groups will relate to peaceful calls for harmony.

"When it comes to certain groups, with these people they're not about 'All Lives Matter.' They don't care about that. ... It's a whole different level of toxicity," said Suitter, who is white. "We can go up to these people all we want saying 'peace' and 'love' and bop people on the head with flowers and say 'let's all love each other.' They don't want that. If we go in there and we're not prepared, it's dangerous."

West agreed. "We could be praying, looking up into the sky, waiting on the morality of the oppressor to change. No, no, no, that ain't happening," he said. "We'd better be prepared. If we pray to God and God doesn't answer, we have to be prepared."

Suitter said bringing guns to protests is a way to say, "We're here and we're allowed to do this as well."

Even though the Second Amendment applies to all Americans, activists say they often feel targeted because society tends to view Black gun ownership more negatively than white gun ownership.

"It's always radical when people hear Black people exercising their Second Amendment rights," said Keren Prescott, founder of Power Up Manchester. "They don't say anything when white nationalists are talking about the NRA, but the minute that Black people want to do it, it becomes this big story. It's a constitutional right."

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several GOP lawmakers were participating directly in Trump's campaign to reverse the results of a free and fair election.

It's a connection that members of the House Jan. 6 committee are making explicit as they prepare to launch public hearings in June. The Republicans plotting with Trump and the rioters who attacked the Capitol were aligned in their goals, if not the mob's violent tactics, creating a convergence that nearly upended the nation's peaceful transfer of power.

"It appears that a significant number of House members and a few senators had more than just a passing role in what went on," Rep. Bennie Thompson, the Democratic chairman of the Jan. 6 committee, said last week.

Since launching its investigation last summer, the Jan. 6 panel has been slowly gaining new details about what lawmakers said and did in the weeks before the insurrection. Members have asked three GOP lawmakers — Jordan of Ohio, Rep. Scott Perry of Pennsylvania and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California — to testify voluntarily.

All have refused. Other lawmakers could be called in the coming days.

So far, the Jan. 6 committee has refrained from issuing subpoenas to lawmakers, fearing the repercussions of such an extraordinary step.

But the lack of cooperation from lawmakers hasn't prevented the panel from obtaining new information about their actions.

The latest court document, submitted in response to a lawsuit from Meadows, contained excerpts from a handful of the more than 930 interviews the Jan. 6 panel has conducted. It includes information on high-level meetings nearly a dozen House Republicans attended where Trump's allies flirted with ways to give him another term.

Among the ideas: naming fake slates of electors in seven swing states, declaring martial law and seizing voting machines.

The efforts started in the weeks after The Associated Press declared Biden president-elect.

In early December 2020, several lawmakers attended a meeting in the White House counsel's office where attorneys for the president advised them that a plan to put up an alternate slate of electors declaring Trump the winner was not "legally sound." One lawmaker, Perry of Pennsylvania, pushed back on that position. So did GOP Reps. Matt Gaetz of Florida and Louie Gohmert of Texas, according to testimony from Cassidy Hutchinson, a former special assistant in the Trump White House.

Despite the warning from the counsel's office, Trump's allies moved forward. On Dec. 14, 2020, as rightly chosen Democratic electors in seven states — Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, New Mexico, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin — met at their seat of state government to cast their votes, the fake electors also gathered.

They declared themselves the rightful electors and submitted false Electoral College certificates declaring Trump the true winner of the presidential election in their states.

Those certificates from the "alternate electors" were then sent to Congress, where they were ignored.

The majority of the lawmakers have since denied their involvement in these efforts.

Gohmert said he does not recall being involved and that he is not sure he could be helpful to the committee's investigation.

Rep. Jody Hice of Georgia played down his actions, saying it is routine for members of the president's party to be going in and out of the White House to speak about a number of topics. Hice is now running for secretary of state in Georgia, a position responsible for the state's elections.

Rep. Andy Biggs of Arizona didn't deny his public efforts to challenge the election results but called recent reports about his deep involvement untrue.

In a statement Saturday, Rep. Paul Gosar of Arizona reiterated his "serious" concerns about the 2020 election.

"Discussions about the Electoral Count Act were appropriate, necessary and warranted," he said.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Pelosi vows unbending US support

Over 100 civilians leave besieged steel plant in Mariupol

By Vanessa Gera, Nicole Winfield and Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press



Volodymyr Zelenskyy, center, escorts Nancy Pelosi and other U.S. lawmakers in Kyiv. **UKRAINE PRESIDENTIAL PRESS OFFICE**

WARSAW, Poland — A top-level U.S. congressional delegation led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi praised the "ferocity" and resolve of Ukrainians in a face-to-face meeting with their leader in a weekend visit to Kyiv undertaken in extraordinary secrecy.

Pelosi, second in line to the presidency after the vice president, was the most senior American lawmaker to visit Ukraine since Russia's war began more than two months ago. Only days earlier, Russia bombed the Ukrainian capital while the U.N. secretary-general was there.

Pelosi and the half-dozen U.S. lawmakers with her met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and his top aides for three hours late Saturday to voice American solidarity with the besieged nation and get a first-hand assessment of the effort as she works to steer a massive new Ukraine aid package through Congress.

"Our commitment is to be there for you until the fight is done," Pelosi is seen telling Zelenskyy in a video of the meeting released by his office. "We are on a frontier of freedom, and your fight is a fight for everyone. Thank you for your fight for freedom."

"You all are welcome," Zelenskyy told the delegation.

Pelosi, D-Calif., told reporters in Poland the delegation was proud to convey to Zelenskyy "the message of unity from the Congress of the United States, a message of appreciation from the American people for his leadership and admiration for the people of Ukraine for their courage."

She is set to meet Polish President Andrzej Duda, a NATO ally, on Monday in Warsaw.

Rep. Jason Crow, D-Colo., a U.S. Army veteran, said he came to Ukraine with three areas of focus: "Weapons, weapons and weapons."

Also joining Pelosi were Reps. Bill Keating, D-Mass, Jim McGovern, D-Mass., Barbara Lee, D-Calif., Gregory Meeks, D-N.Y., and Adam Schiff, D-Calif.

"We have to make sure the Ukrainians have what they need to win. What we have seen in the last two months is their ferocity, their intense pride, their ability to fight and their ability to win if they have the support to do so," Crow said.

The delegation's trip to Kyiv was not disclosed until the party was safely out of Ukraine.

Meanwhile, the long-awaited effort to evacuate civilians from a steel plant in the Ukrainian city of Mariupol was underway Sunday.

U.N. humanitarian spokesman Saviano Abreu said the operation to bring civilians out of the sprawling Azovstal steel plant was being carried out with the International Committee of the Red Cross and in coordination with Ukrainian and Russian officials.

Video posted online by Ukrainian forces showed elderly women and mothers with children bundled in winter clothing being helped as they climbed up a pile of debris from the plant's rubble, and then eventually boarding a bus.

The evacuation operation drew praise from Zelenskyy, who said more than 100 civilians — primarily women and children — were expected to arrive in the Ukrainian-controlled city of Zaporizhzhia on Monday.

"Today, for the first time in all the days of the war, this vitally needed (humanitarian) corridor has started working," he said in a pre-recorded address published on his Telegram channel.

Later Sunday, one of the plant's defenders said Russian forces resumed shelling the plant as soon as the evacuation of a group of civilians was completed.

Denys Shlega, commander of the 12th Operational Brigade of Ukraine's National Guard, said in a televised interview Sunday night that several hundred civilians remain trapped alongside nearly 500 wounded soldiers and "numerous" dead bodies.

"Several dozen small children are still in the bunkers underneath the plant," Shlega said. "We need one or two more rounds of evacuation."

As many as 100,000 people are believed to still be in blockaded Mariupol, including up to 1,000 civilians who were hunkered down with an estimated 2,000 Ukrainian fighters beneath the Soviet-era steel plant — the only part of the city not occupied by the Russians.

The fate of the Ukrainian fighters still hunkered down in the plant was not clear.

Russian forces have embarked on a major military operation to seize significant parts of southern and eastern Ukraine following their failure to capture the capital, Kyiv.

Mariupol, a port city on the Sea of Azov, is a target because of its strategic location near the Crimea Peninsula, which Russia seized in 2014.

Meanwhile, Germany said it's making progress on weaning itself off Russian fossil fuels and expects to be fully independent of Russian crude oil imports by late summer. Economy and Climate Minister Robert Habeck said Europe's largest economy has reduced the share of Russian energy imports to 12% for oil, 8% for coal and 35% for natural gas.

Europe May Day rallies urge more aid to workers

Inflation, fears of food shortages due to war fuel protests

By Elaine Ganley
Associated Press



Police officers in riot gear confront a first aid volunteer Sunday at a May Day demonstration in Paris. Protesters demanded that government do more to help workers. **LEWIS JOLY/AP**

PARIS — Tens of thousands of people marched Sunday in cities around Europe for May Day protests to honor workers and shame governments into doing more for their citizens.

In France, protesters shouted slogans against newly elected President Emmanuel Macron, a development that may set the tone for his second term.

Tensions erupted in Paris, as some demonstrators smashed windows at some banks, a fast-food restaurant and a real estate agency, apparently partially the work of masked men dressed in black. French police moved in, firing rounds of tear gas. That failed to stop a woman from attacking a firefighter trying to douse a street fire.

Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said 45 people had been detained. Eight police officers were injured, he said, calling the perpetrators of the violence "thugs" who were trying "to stop the right to demonstrate."

May Day is often a time of high emotions for workers in Europe, and protests in the last two years have been limited by pandemic restrictions.

Turkish police moved in quickly in Istanbul to encircle protesters near the barred-off Taksim Square — where 34 people were killed in 1977 during a May Day event.

On Sunday, Turkish police detained 164 people for demonstrating without permits and resisting police at the square, the Istanbul governor's office said. On the Asian side of sprawling Istanbul, a May Day union-organized gathering drew thousands who sang, chanted and waved banners.

Berlin Mayor Franziska Giffey briefly interrupted her May Day speech at a trade union rally where someone threw an egg at her but missed. Giffey, of the center-left Social Democrats, was met by loud protests during her speech.

Giffey called the egg tossing "neither helpful nor politically valuable."

In Italy, after a two-year pandemic lull, an outdoor mega-concert was held in Rome after rallies and protests in cities across the country. Besides improving conditions for workers, peace was an underlying theme, with many calls for an end to Russia's war in Ukraine.

Rising inflation and fears of upcoming food shortages from the war in Ukraine were feeding discontent around the world.

Thousands of workers, unemployed people and retirees marched peacefully in North Macedonia's capital of Skopje, demanding wage increases and respect for workers' rights. Inflation, running at an annual clip of 8.8% in March, is at a 14-year-high.

Darko Dimovski, head of the country's Federation of Trade Unions, told the crowd that workers are demanding an across-the-board wage increase.

"The economic crisis has eaten up workers salaries," he said.

In France, the May Day rallies — which came a week after the country's presidential election — aimed to show the centrist Macron the opposition that he could face in his second five-year term. Opposition parties, notably from the far-left and the far-right, are looking to break his government's majority in France's parliamentary election in June.

The Paris march was dominated by far-left leader Jean-Luc Melenchon, who placed third in the first round of the presidential vote and is deep in talks with other leftist parties in France, including the once-dominant Socialists who are struggling to exist. Melenchon appealed to potential partners to join to keep Macron's centrists from dominating parliament as they do now.

"Our goal is victory," he said.

Some 250 marches and protests were being held around France. All were pressing Macron for policies that put people first and condemning his plan to raise France's retirement age from 62 to 65. Macron says that's the only way the government can continue to provide good retirement benefits.

"May Day is the time to rally for a reduction in working time. That reduction signifies one key thing — that workers should be getting a larger share of the wealth," Melenchon said, condemning the violence at the Paris march, which he said overshadows the concerns of workers.

Meanwhile, in China, Many marked a quiet May Day as the government's "zero-COVID" approach restricts travel and enforces lockdowns in multiple cities. Millions remain restricted to their buildings or compounds in Shanghai, China's largest city, under a lockdown that has only slightly eased.

Under an order announced Saturday, all Beijing restaurants were closed to dine-in customers Sunday and can offer only takeout and delivery through the end of the national holiday Wednesday.



People gather for a bite to eat Sunday in Rome. Italy relaxed some COVID-19 restrictions Sunday. **GREGORIO BORGIA/AP**

Italy, Greece ease virus rules ahead of summer

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

ROME — For travelers heading to Europe, summer vacations just got a whole lot easier.

Italy and Greece relaxed some COVID-19 restrictions Sunday before Europe's peak summer tourist season, in a sign that life was increasingly returning to normal.

Greece's civil aviation authority announced that it was lifting all COVID-19 rules for international and domestic flights except for the wearing of face masks during flights and at airports. Previously, air travelers were required to show proof of vaccination, a negative test or a recent recovery from the disease.

Under a decree passed by Italy's health ministry, the country did away with the health pass that had been required to enter restaurants, cinemas, gyms and other venues.

The green pass, which showed proof of vaccination, recovery from the virus or a recent negative test, is still required to access hospitals and nursing homes.

Visitors to Italy no longer have to fill out the EU passenger locator form, an online ordeal required at airport check-in.

Some indoor mask mandates also ended, but masks are still required on public transport, in cinemas, and in health care and elder care facilities.

Health officials say masks still remain recommended for all indoor activities, and private companies can still require them.

"It was needed," said Claudio Civitelli, a Rome resident who was having his morning coffee near the Trevi Fountain. "We have waited more than two years."

At a nearby table, Andrea Bichler, an Italian tourist from Trentino Alto-Adige, sat with maskless friends.

"It's much better," Bichler said. "Let's say it's a return to life, a free life."

NEWS BRIEFING

$10K reward offered for info on escapee, missing Ala. officer

From news services

FLORENCE, Ala. — The U.S. Marshals Service said Sunday that it is offering up to $10,000 for information about an escaped inmate and a "missing and endangered" correctional officer who disappeared Friday after the two left a jail in north Alabama.


White

Casey Cole White, 38, had been jailed on a capital murder charge in the Lauderdale County Detention Center in Florence, Alabama, about 75 miles west of Huntsville.

The inmate and assistant director of corrections Vicky White, 56, left the Lauderdale County Detention Center on Friday to go to a nearby courthouse, the sheriff's office said in a Facebook post Saturday. Investigators said the two are not related.

"Casey White is believed to be a serious threat to the corrections officer and the public," the U.S. marshal for northern Alabama, Marty Keely, said in a statement Sunday.

While in state prison for other crimes in 2020, Casey White confessed to the 2015 stabbing death of Connie Ridgeway, WHNT-TV reported.

Vicky White has been with the department 16 years.

At a news conference Friday, Lauderdale County Sheriff Rick Singleton said she was armed when she left the jail with the inmate and headed to the courthouse for what she said was a mental health evaluation for Casey White. She was alone with the inmate, which the sheriff said violated department policy.

Singleton also said there was no mental health evaluation for the inmate scheduled at the courthouse.

The vehicle the officer and the inmate were in when they left the detention center was found at a nearby shopping center parking lot, according to the sheriff's office.

The Marshals Service said Casey White is 6 feet, 9 inches tall and weighs about 260 pounds. He has brown hair and hazel eyes.

The Marshals Service said people with information about Casey White's location or Vicky White's disappearance can call the service at 1-800-336-0102. Anonymous tips may also be submitted through the U.S. Marshals Tip App.

Rescue in China: A woman was rescued Sunday from the rubble of a building in central China more than 50 hours after it collapsed, leaving dozens trapped or missing, state media said.

Separately, police arrested nine people including the building owner on suspicion of causing a major liability accident, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

State broadcaster CCTV showed video of rescuers bringing the woman out on a stretcher about 4:30 p.m. Some could be heard shouting encouragement during the operation. She was taken to a hospital and is in stable condition, CCTV said.

She was the sixth person rescued from the building, which collapsed Friday afternoon in the inland city of Changsha, the capital of Hunan province. About 20 others remained trapped, and another 39 had not been accounted for as of late Saturday.

Banned from traveling: Israel has prevented the director of a Palestinian civil society group from traveling abroad to attend a professional conference in Mexico.

Ubai Aboudi is the head of Bisan, one of six Palestinian groups that Israel last year designated a terrorist organization. Israeli officials declined to comment on the travel ban.

Aboudi said he tried to exit the occupied West Bank last week in order to travel to the World Social Forum, an annual gathering of civil society groups that this year is taking place in Mexico. But he said he was stopped by Israeli officials at the crossing into Jordan.

"I was informed that I am banned from traveling. I asked why I am banned from traveling. They said they did not want to inform me," he said. Aboudi, who is a U.S. citizen, said that just a month earlier, he traveled to Jordan without any problems.

The Bisan Center for Research and Development is a nonprofit that says it is committed to promoting a Palestinian society based on "freedom, justice, equality and dignity." Aboudi has been arrested in the past by both Israel and the Palestinian Authority, which administers autonomous areas of the occupied West Bank, for his political activities.

Bisan is among six Palestinian human rights groups that Israel last year effectively outlawed after designating them terrorist organizations.

Israel says the groups have ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — a small Palestinian faction with an armed wing that has carried out deadly attacks on Israelis. The PFLP is considered a terrorist group by Israel and its Western allies.

But Israel has provided little evidence backing up its claims against the six groups.

Protest in South Africa: President Cyril Ramaphosa abandoned his Workers' Day speech in the northwestern city of Rustenburg on Sunday when striking mineworkers stormed the stage.

The workers employed by Sibanye-Stillwater mine are demanding a wage increase of 1,000 rand ($63) per month instead of the 850 rand ($54) being offered by the mine.

Ramaphosa had decided to mark the Workers Day, a public holiday in South Africa to mark May 1, by giving a speech to union members in Rustenburg, a mining center.

Ramaphosa was booed as he started his address with a call for the striking workers and other members of the Congress of South African Trade Unions to calm down and listen to what he had to say.

Shortly after that Ramaphosa was forced to give up his speech altogether when angry miners stormed the field and overwhelmed police surrounding the stage at the Royal Bafokeng Stadium. Ramaphosa's security guards whisked him away from the venue.

Cuban diplomat: Ricardo Alarcón, who was for years the head of Cuba's parliament and one of the country's most prominent diplomats, has died in Havana, authorities in Cuba said Sunday. He was 84.

Alarcón was the trusted adviser to Fidel Castro, and his brother and successor Raúl, for decades and was a key negotiator in difficult talks with the United States in issues including immigration and the legal battle for the return of the child Elián González to Cuba in 2000.

Alarcón did not participate directly in negotiations that led to the island's thaw with Washington in 2014 under the direction of Presidents Barack Obama and Raúl Castro, since he had by that time left public life.

However, he was heavily involved in efforts to secure the release of five Cuban intelligence agents detained in Florida in 1999. Their return to Cuba coincided with the process of reestablishing diplomatic relations.



President Joe Biden pays tribute to former Vice President Walter Mondale, his "friend of five decades," Sunday at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. The memorial service was delayed for a year due to the pandemic. Mondale, 93, died in April 2021. Mondale, known to friends as "Fritz," was President Jimmy Carter's vice president from 1977 to 1981. **JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP**

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Getting the banned back together

If Musk's $44B offer is OK'd, some could be tweeting again

By David Klepper
Associated Press



Elon Musk says he doesn't support the content moderation that saw people banned from Twitter. **PATRICK PLEUL/DPA**

QAnon loyalists, COVID-19 deniers, neo-Nazis and a former American president: The list of people banned from Twitter is long, but their exile could soon come to an end if Elon Musk's $44 billion offer for the platform is approved.

Musk, the world's richest man and the owner of SpaceX and Tesla, calls himself a free speech absolutist who believes in allowing any content that doesn't run afoul of the law.

While Musk hasn't offered specifics about how he would run the platform, his musings are prompting celebrations from some of those muzzled by Twitter, even as they alarm internet safety experts who predict a rise in harassment, hate speech and misinformation about topics like vaccines and elections.

"There's no reason why these folks wouldn't want to be in this space," said Jaime Longoria, manager of research and training at the Disinfo Defense League, a nonprofit that works with local organizations to combat the effects of misinformation. "Ultimately, I think Elon's premise to save the public square is going to create a square that nobody wants to be in."

From former President Donald Trump to conspiracy theorist Alex Jones to white supremacist David Duke, here's a look at who might be coming back to Twitter if Musk's offer to buy it is approved.

Tweeter in chief: Trump said he won't return to Twitter even if Musk lifts the ban imposed following the deadly Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. The platform cited concerns of further incitement to violence.

Following his banishment, Trump created his own platform, Truth Social, which launched earlier this year.

"I am not going on Twitter. I am going to stay on Truth," Trump told Fox News last month. "I hope Elon buys Twitter because he'll make improvements to it, and he is a good man, but I am going to be staying on Truth."

Trump had one of the world's largest Twitter followings before his suspension, using his account to demean critics, spread lies about the 2020 election and amplify potentially dangerous misinformation about COVID-19.

Despite what the former president said, returning to Twitter may be too tempting to resist, said Emerson Brooking, resident fellow at the Digital Forensic Research Lab of the Atlantic Council.

"If Donald Trump is the presidential nominee for the Republican Party in 2024, it's almost unthinkable that he won't return to Twitter the moment he has the opportunity to do so," Brooking said.

Two former top advisers to Trump — Steve Bannon and Roger Stone — were also banned by Twitter after repeatedly violating rules.

Bannon was kicked off for calling for the beheading of Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's leading infectious disease specialist.

Stone, ultimately suspended for a series of vulgar threats against CNN journalists, tried to create a new Twitter account Thursday but was quickly suspended again.

Other Trump allies kicked off Twitter include Michael Flynn, Sidney Powell, Lin Wood and Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., who was permanently banned in January for repeatedly spreading misinformation about COVID-19 and vaccine safety.

Hate speech: Perhaps the trickiest challenge for Musk will be content that, while legal, preaches hate based on things like race, gender, sexual orientation or religion.

White supremacists banned by Twitter include Duke and the Proud Boys organization, along with far-right trolls like one who goes by the name Baked Alaska, who promoted antisemitic tropes and faces charges from his involvement in the attack on the Capitol.

Twitter's efforts to police hate speech have had mixed results.

While some extremist leaders have been vanquished, a quick search of the platform turns up numerous racist slurs and attacks.

Several admitted white supremacists still on Twitter celebrated news of Musk's interest in the platform, predicting this ownership will mean looser rules.

"We are liberated!" one wrote in April.

"The extremists are celebrating," tweeted Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League. "They believe he will usher in a 'new era' on Twitter & that they'll return to the platform. This is dangerous."

Conspiracy theorists: Twitter began cracking down on QAnon content on its platform years ago and accelerated the process following the attack on the Capitol. More than 150,000 accounts had been suspended as of last year, according to the company's latest update.

QAnon followers advocate a conspiracy theory rooted in the baseless belief that Trump was fighting so-called deep-state enemies and a cabal of Satan-worshipping cannibals operating a child sex trafficking ring.

The mob that stormed the Capitol included some believers.

Now, some of them are eager to get back on Twitter.

"The Twitter deal is done," Ron Watkins, a prominent QAnon leader, wrote on the platform Telegram. Watkins' Twitter account was spiked last year. "Banned accounts will be restored," he predicted.

Other conspiracy theorists have also felt Twitter's sting, though usually only when their stated beliefs have pushed over into hate or harassment.

Alex Jones, creator of Infowars, was permanently banned in 2018 for abusive behavior. Jones recently lost a defamation case filed by the parents of children killed in the 2012 Newtown, Connecticut, school shooting over his repeated claims that the shooting was fake.

Happy in exile: Trump may not be the only user kicked off Twitter who ends up happy in a new home. Other new platforms, like Gab, GETTR and Parler, have grown in recent years by catering to conservative and far-right users who dislike Twitter and Facebook's moderation policies.

The new sites have little to no moderation, meaning Nazi imagery, homophobic threats and misogynistic content can be easily found alongside conversations about U.S. politics and culture.

After Musk's purchase offer, Gab CEO Andrew Torba predicted the billionaire will struggle to realize his vision for Twitter. While Trump may be sticking with his own new platform for competitive reasons, other conservatives may not be immediately tempted by Musk's promises of free speech absolutism.

Twitter's employees, for one, may put up a fight, Torba said.



Elena Trofimchuk, right, who fled Ukraine to Romania more than a month ago, helps a refugee sort out train tickets April 23 at the North Railway Station in Bucharest. **CHISATO TANAKA/AP**

WAR IN UKRAINE

For refugees in Romania, helping others a way to cope

By Chisato Tanaka
Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Romania — Elena Trofimchuk fled Ukraine to Romania more than a month ago. She now sees Bucharest's North Railway Station as a second home.

She doesn't live there, but it's where she spends most of her day welcoming fellow Ukrainian refugees escaping from Russia's war and helping them sort out tickets, accommodation and onward destinations.

The 26-year-old said that keeping herself busy and useful keeps her from dwelling on Russia's shelling of her hometown, Odesa, where many of her friends remain.

"If you sit and do nothing, you can just become crazy because you're always searching for news. It's very hard. So here I can help people buy tickets and find accommodations. I even help Romanians in the kitchen," Trofimchuk said.

Before the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, she worked as a photographer.

Trofimchuk is just one of many orange-vested Ukrainian volunteers working at the station.

Ukrainian volunteer Vitalii Ivanchuk flew all the way from Sri Lanka where he lived with his Ukrainian girlfriend to help refugees who are coming into Romania.

The 29-year-old IT developer said that many Ukrainians have a tough time communicating with Romanians, and volunteers who can speak both Ukrainian and English are in high demand.

His girlfriend, Anastasiia Haiduk, quit her investment job shortly after the war started and decided to volunteer at the station until the war ends and she can be reunited with her family in Ukraine.

The Romanian government is giving away free train tickets to Ukrainian refugees arriving in Romania that they can use to travel on to Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary Slovakia and Switzerland.

Trofimchuk said she was moved by the warm welcome and the Romanians' show of solidarity with Ukraine.

"Every Romanian person wants to help. They're very friendly. And I was shocked about this. I'm so happy that everyone wants to help," Trofimchuk said.

Nearly 5.5 million people have fled Ukraine since the start of Russia's war Feb. 24, according to data from the U.N. refugee agency.

Most have entered countries on Ukraine's western border: more than 3 million people have fled to Poland, while more than 817,000 others have fled to Romania and around 520,000 have crossed into Hungary, UNHCR statistics show.

For some Ukrainian volunteers, their Saturday evening ritual is to join a weekly protest at the Russian Embassy in Bucharest along with other Ukrainian residents and Romanians.

But Trofimchuk skipped a recent protest, saying she expected people to arrive from her hometown.

"I will stay at the station as late as I can because there might be people who need my help," Trofimchuk said.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Combat death puts spotlight on Americans joining fight

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press



Eddy Etue, 36, a U.S. Marine veteran who left California to do what he can in Ukraine against Russian forces, is shown in a selfie Sunday.

Harrison Jozefowicz quit his job as a Chicago police officer and headed overseas soon after Russia invaded Ukraine. An Army veteran, he said he couldn't help but join American volunteers seeking to help Ukrainians in their fight.

Jozefowicz now heads a group called Task Force Yankee, which he said has placed more than 190 volunteers in combat slots and other roles while delivering nearly 15,000 first aid kits, helping relocate more than 80 families, and helping deliver dozens of pallets of food and medical supplies to the southern and eastern fronts of the war.

It's difficult, dangerous work.

But Jozefowicz said he felt helpless watching from the United States last year during the U.S. pullout from Afghanistan, particularly after a close friend, Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss, died in a suicide bombing at Kabul.

"So, I'm just trying to do everything I can to make sure I can help others not go through what I went through," he said Saturday during an interview conducted through a messaging platform.

A former U.S. Marine who died last week was believed to be the first American citizen killed while fighting in Ukraine.

Willy Joseph Cancel, 22, died April 25 while working for a military contracting company that sent him to Ukraine, his mother, Rebecca Cabrera, told CNN.

An undetermined number of other Americans — many with military backgrounds — are thought to be in the country battling Russian forces beside both Ukrainians and volunteers from other countries even though U.S. forces aren't directly involved in fighting aside from sending military materiel, humanitarian aid and money.

Russia's invasion has given Ukraine's embassy in Washington the task of fielding inquiries from thousands of Americans who want to help in the fight, and Ukraine is using the internet to recruit volunteers for a foreign force, the International Legion of Defense of Ukraine.

"Anyone who wants to join the defense of security in Europe and the world can come and stand side by side with the Ukrainians against the invaders of the 21st century," President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a recruitment pitch.

Texan Anja Osmon, who did tours in Iraq and Afghanistan while serving in the U.S. Army from 2009 through 2015, said she went to Ukraine on her own.

A medic, Osmon said she arrived in Ukraine on March 20 and lived in the woods with other members of the International Legion before a new commander sent her away because he didn't want any female fighters.

Osmon, 30, said her mother wants her home before September. But for now she's anxious to get out of the hotel where she is staying in Lviv and catch on with another fighting force nearer the action.

"I can't turn away from injustice," she said. "No one should be scared."

U.S. Marine veteran Eddy Etue said he quit his job in the gig economy, found a friend in Colorado to watch his cat and gave up his home four blocks from the beach in San Diego to help out in Ukraine, where he's been about two weeks.

He first worked with an aid organization but now is training with the International Legion.

Etue, 36, said he simply couldn't stay home.

"It's just the right thing to do," said Etue, who financed the journey through an online fundraising campaign.

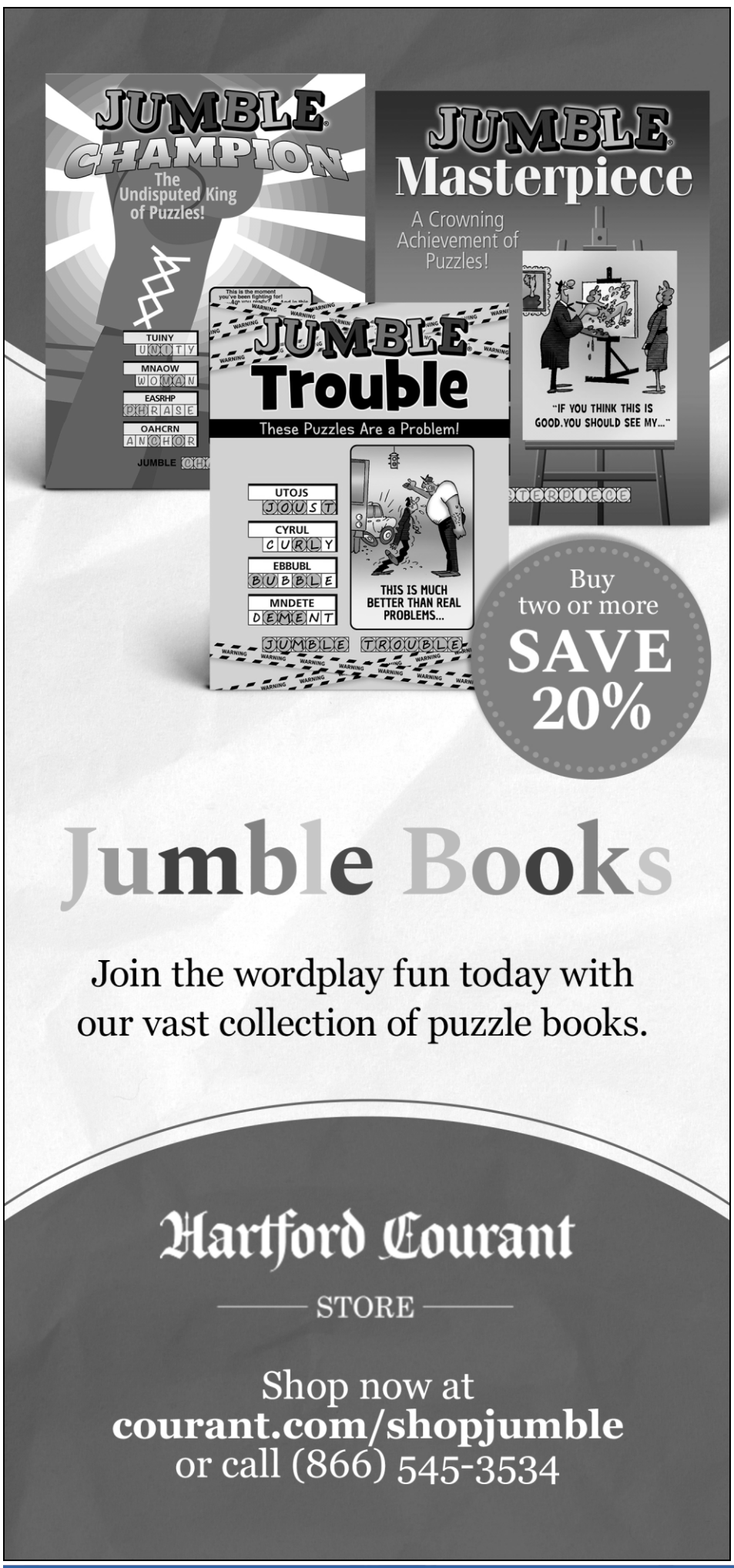
Etue's family history pulled him toward the Ukrainian cause. He said his grandparents left Hungary with nothing but their four children and clothes after the 1956 revolution, which was put down by Soviet forces that killed or wounded thousands.

"What's happening here will affect not only the people who are experiencing it but their children and grandchildren as well," he said. "I know that from personal experience."

Jozefowicz, the former Chicago cop, said there are thousands of American and other volunteers in Ukraine.

Multiple organizations are operating in the country, and Jozefowicz said his group alone has placed scores of volunteers in positions all over the country, with about 40 of those being combat jobs.

"We do not facilitate a civilian going into any direct-action role. We only guide and connect prior military volunteers," he said.



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OPINION



Last session, state legislators listened to medical professionals, the immigrant community and their allies when they passed legislation to open HUSKY to all children from birth to age 8. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

OP-ED

All our children should have medical, mental care access

By Karen Dworski

Tragically, thousands of Connecticut children don't have access to medical and mental health care — no diagnosis, no treatment, no medication. Because of their immigration status, these children don't qualify for the state's HUSKY program, which provides mental health and medical services to poor families. This is despite the legislature's bipartisan decision to address the need for youth mental health services, which was reported by The Courant on March 15.

Connecticut's children are facing an unprecedented increase in mental health problems. Melissa Santos, division chief of pediatric psychology at Connecticut Children's Medical Center, said: "The high rates of depression, one in four youth now experiencing symptoms of depression, one in five youth experiencing symptoms of anxiety, and perhaps most notably, which the advisory indicated we're seeing here in Connecticut, is the number of kids ending up in the emergency room due to suicide attempts." She goes on to state that racial and ethnic minority youth "are disproportionately impacted by mental health prior to the pandemic."

As a mental health professional, I am alarmed at the preventable damage that is occurring among Connecticut's children, including undocumented immigrant youth. We know that when mental health needs are not addressed, not only does this generation of children struggle, but future generations struggle, too. Mental health problems affect all aspects of life, such as performance in school, forming healthy relationships and maturing developmentally. Mental illness is painful not only to the child but also to all who love and care for them.

Connecticut can and must do better. Legislation enabling medical and mental health treatment through HUSKY for all income-eligible children, regardless of immigration status, is essential right now.

Last session, state legislators listened to medical professionals, the immigrant community and their allies when they passed legislation to open HUSKY to all children from birth to age 8, along with prenatal and postpartum care for pregnant women, in 2021. But what about older kids? Medical and mental health needs don't disappear when a child turns 9. That's why community groups are urging HUSKY access to age 18. Without HUSKY medical insurance, these kids won't be able to receive the treatment that other Connecticut children get. And we are in the midst of a youth mental health crisis.

The issue of cost has been seen as an obstacle, but it is a false one. Undocumented immigrants pay $500 million in taxes yearly and only $10 million, 2% of that annual contribution, would cover the increase in HUSKY coverage to age 18. Clearly there is the money to support the HUSKY expansion.

U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy issued an advisory on youth mental health, saying, "Our obligation to act is not just medical — it's moral. I believe that, coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have an unprecedented opportunity as a country to rebuild in a way that refocuses our identity and common values, puts people first and strengthens our connections to each other." As Murthy makes clear, we have an obligation to act to ensure that all Connecticut children have access to medical and mental health treatment.

Let's put all of our children first. Let's do what's best for all of our children, families and communities and what's best for our state. Let's see Connecticut legislators use this legislative session to ensure this basic right by passing HUSKY for immigrants.

Karen Dworski lives in Unionville.

OP-ED

Putin only respects military force

By Alex Kuzma

There is growing international consensus that the appalling war crimes committed by the Russian army in Ukraine have already risen to the level of genocide.

Unlike previous genocides (Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia), Russia's brutal campaign against Ukraine is unfolding in real time in full view of the world community.

President Joe Biden has called the massive slaughter of Ukraine's civilians an act of genocide. Even Donald Trump, who once fawned over Vladimir Putin's "strength" and "genius," has now called the war in Ukraine a "holocaust." These words are not without consequences. The question is whether the United States and NATO have the will to respond to Putin's genocidal master plan — his "final solution" to his Ukrainian problem.

The U.N. Commission on Genocide has defined the term "genocide" as "any of the acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group. ... Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part."

Since Feb. 24, we have seen calculated destruction: the near obliteration of entire cities, the execution of civilians, torture, rape and other crimes against humanity that bear all the hallmarks of genocide. Putin's killing squads are just getting started.

There is no mistaking the genocidal intent of Putin and his propagandists. Their public statements make it clear that they intend to destroy Ukraine as an autonomous state, and to destroy Ukrainians as a distinctive ethnic group. A nation that voted for its independence by 92.3% of the electorate is being told by the Kremlin that it has no right to exist.

Each year, when we commemorate the Holocaust, we reaffirm the solemn oath: "Never again." Has "Never again" become a hollow promise?

The Ukrainian people are no strangers to genocide. Ukrainians have endured centuries of slave labor, serfdom and attempted cultural eradication — under the czars and the Soviets. Their language and culture, their art and literature, have survived purges, massacres and foreign invasions.

In the 1930s, Ukrainians endured the Holodomor — the forced famine perpetrated by Josef Stalin. Over 4 million Ukrainians were starved to death after Stalin ordered the confiscation of their grain and blocked humanitarian shipments. Raphael Lemkin — the Jewish Ukrainian lawyer who originated the term "genocide" and was the architect of the U.N. Commission on Genocide — called the Holodomor a "classic case of genocide."

When genocide goes unrecognized and unpunished, history tends to repeat itself. Yale historian Timothy Snyder has documented how the Nazis planned to replicate Stalin's Terror Famine with their own "Hunger Plan" devised by Heinrich Himmler and Herbert Backe to starve Ukrainians, resettling their lands with Germans as part of their policy of "Lebensraum."

The specter of global famine still haunts the world with Russia's latest invasion. If the West fails to intervene, Russia's aggression would threaten a slew of collateral disasters that would extend far beyond Ukraine's borders:

Famine: Ukraine is among the world's greatest exporters of foodstuffs, with millions of tons of corn, wheat, barley and other commodities helping to feed drought-ravaged regions of Africa and the Middle East. The Ukrainians' inability to plant and export its usual bumper crops could lead to catastrophic food shortages in Yemen, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Nigeria and beyond.

Environmental disaster: During its brief occupation of the Chernobyl nuclear plant, the Russian army showed complete disregard for the dangers of radioactive contamination. Russian forces actually bombed the Zaporizhzhia Atomic Power Station, risking another Chernobyl-scale disaster.

Global insecurity: With Russian forces poised on NATO's doorstep, NATO's hesitancy to intervene to protect Ukrainian civilians could actually increase the risk of world war as it would embolden the Chinese to contemplate similar aggression against Taiwan, Australia and other Pacific Rim countries where the U.S. would be less likely to intervene.

The horrific fate Putin envisions for 42 million Ukrainians could exceed the scope of any genocide the world has seen.

Like Hitler before him, Putin has no respect for human rights or human life. He respects only military force. Any direct confrontation with Russia might seem frightening, but NATO's air force is vastly superior to Putin's. A ceasefire and withdrawal of Russian troops can only be achieved once Putin realizes that he has woefully miscalculated and embarked on a humiliating war he cannot win.

Alex Kuzma lives in Wethersfield.

OP-ED

Pompeo ponders joining marathon presidential contest

By George F. Will
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Mike Pompeo, who has been a soldier, businessman, congressman, CIA director and secretary of state, says he thinks that ever since he was a 17-year-old assistant manager of a Baskin-Robbins store in Orange County, Calif., he has improved the cultures almost everywhere he worked. Almost.

Not, however, at the State Department. Concerning it, his opinion is similar to that of the wit who said the State Department is like tundra — anything you could do to it would improve it. But, then, no Republican ever annoyed the party's base by disparaging State.

From a California childhood, Pompeo went to West Point, where he finished first in his class. He left the Army a captain, having been a tank commander along the East German border. At Harvard Law School, he served on the Law Review with a student one year behind him, Ted Cruz. After a stint with a premier Washington law firm, Williams & Connolly, in 1996 he moved to Kansas to start a business: Thayer Aerospace. He became a Republican national committeeman, then won the first of four congressional terms in 2010, before being sent by President Donald Trump first to Langley, then Foggy Bottom.

Pompeo is exploring a presidential candidacy in the orthodox way, campaigning for Republican candidates hither and yon, falling in love with Iowa's vistas and Iowans' wisdom, etc. Recently, Pompeo was in Pennsylvania campaigning for his West Point contemporary, David McCormick, a hedge-fund titan seeking the Republicans' Senate nomination. Pompeo's argument for himself is that he has had presidentially germane government experience within institutions critical to coping with a world growing more dangerous.

Pompeo's selection as CIA director was somewhat accidental, the result of Trump's slapdash approach to everything. During the 2016 Republican nomination competition, at the Kansas caucuses in Wichita, Pompeo spoke for Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, with Trump listening backstage. Trump reached a rolling boil when Pompeo cited Trump's claim that if, as president, he ordered a soldier to commit a war crime, the soldier would do it. Pompeo said Trump would be an "authoritarian president who ignored our Constitution."

Eight months later, eight days after the election, at Trump Tower in New York, Pompeo met Trump for the first time and accepted the CIA job, which Trump offered to someone he barely knew because Vice President-elect Mike Pence urged him to. Tim Alberta, an impeccable reporter, writes in his book "American Carnage" that when Trump was told he had just bestowed a plum position on the congressman who had committed the Wichita sacrilege, Trump exploded: "No! That was him? We've got to take it back. This is what I get for letting Pence pick everyone!"

Ah, well. The dogs bark, but the caravan moves on. Trump's plentiful anger found new targets, including Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. (Thou shalt not call the president, at whose pleasure you serve, a "[expletive] moron.") So, Pompeo can now try to become the first former secretary of state since James Buchanan 165 years ago to become president.

Pompeo might be a president with some surprising depths: He named Peter Berkowitz, a distinguished political philosopher with a Yale PhD, director of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff, whose first two directors were extraordinary architects of the post-1945 world: George Kennan (1947-1949) and Paul Nitze (1950-1953). It took an interesting secretary to pick Berkowitz, the author of, among other books, "Nietzsche: The Ethics of an Immoralist."

When preparing to run a marathon, you get in trim. Pompeo has shed 90 pounds — nearly a third of his weight. He is almost svelte and altogether convinced that many Republican presidential aspirants will enter the nomination scramble before Trump answers this question: Dare I risk running another campaign that might end with mere arithmetic — vote sums — being construed as evidence that I lost?

As Pompeo leaves a breakfast where his hearty appetite for scrambled eggs and chicken sausage indicated that he is happy with his current configuration, he is enveloped by his security detail. This is not an entitlement for a former director of the CIA; it is a necessity. Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has agents in the United States, says he wants to kill Pompeo, whom the ayatollah blames for the Jan. 3, 2020, U.S. drone strike that killed Maj. Gen. Qasem Soleimani, the terrorist who was an Iranian national hero. In Republican primaries, campaigning with a target placed on your back by Iran is an unfair advantage.

George F. Will writes on politics and domestic and foreign affairs for The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State employees are taxpayers, too

In all the discussions about the impact that proposed state employee compensation will have on taxpayers, one thing never seems to be mentioned: State employees are taxpayers, too. We pay the same state income, sales, petroleum and property taxes as other Connecticut residents. We pay federal income tax, Social Security and Medicare. We are impacted by the same inflation that hits other Connecticut and global households.

Raises paid to state employees do not disappear into some black hole never to be seen again. Just as stimulus money paid to Americans was proved to go back into the economy, wages paid to state employees go into our communities. We buy groceries, fuel, clothing and other necessities. The majority of state employees do this without earning six-figure incomes. If we can applaud pay raises for private-sector employees, why must we deride raises for public sector workers?

Sarah Kaufman, Southington

Save outrage for corporations, not state workers

Now that SEBAC has negotiated an agreement for state workers that includes a pay increase, the Yankee Institute and some state residents are decrying that state employees are receiving pay raises while state residents have to pay higher prices for gas, food and other essentials. News flash: State workers are state residents and have to pay for essentials just like everybody else. The real outrage should be placed on the corporations in Connecticut that pay relatively little or nothing in taxes to the state. According to an Economic Policy Institute survey, 69% of our state's corporations fit in this category. Where is the outrage toward them?

Bette Marafino, West Hartford

The writer is president of the CT Alliance for Retired Americans

Government should let oil companies drill

I applaud Gov. Ned Lamont and our state legislature for dropping the sales tax on gas. We need our senators and Congress to step up and do the same. It is obvious the Democrats (except for Sen. Joe Manchin) are doing nothing. Sens. Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal and our congressional reps should put pressure on the Biden administration to let oil companies drill and stop putting up roadblocks. Gas is up. We are funding the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Connecticut voters should remember in November what has caused the price of gas to go up. Let's hear from our representatives.

Ralph DeMartino, Rocky Hill

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OBITUARIES

Ernesto, Rose (Sargis)



Rose Sargis Ernesto, a longtime resident of New Britain, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 18, 2022. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Ernesto, Jr., and her sister, Lillian Sargis Pera.

Rose was the daughter of the late Jacob and Judith Sargis and was a graduate of New Britain High School. Rose was the corporation secretary of the former Goodwin Park Toyota, in Hartford for over 30 years. Later, she was the personal secretary for Samuel "Sy" Birbaum and the Birnbaum family for many years, retiring when she was 93 years old.

A very faithful member of the South Church in New Britain, Rose sang in the church choir and was the alto soloist for many years. Her love of singing led her to study voice in New York City. She was also a longtime member of the former New Britain Musical Club and participated in various musical productions when she was younger. In addition to her lifelong interest in music, Rose loved fine art and was a patron of the New Britain Museum of American Art.

An avid traveler, Rose enjoyed visiting new and exotic places with her husband, Frank. Together they toured many countries across four continents. They were also enthusiastic golfers. In addition, Rose was an accomplished skier, delighting in her trips to Stowe, Vermont with the former New Britain Ski Club. Adventurous and daring, as a young woman she enjoyed a flight from New York City to Brainard Field, landing in a grass pasture. She also loved ballooning and flying in a glider even into her early 80's.

Rose loved fashion and had an extraordinary sense of style. She was always committed to looking her best, presenting an image of grace, elegance, sophistication, and class.

Rose was a loving and sustaining presence in the lives of her nieces and nephews. Mourning the loss of their beloved Auntie Rose are two nieces, Judith Pera Giguere and her husband, David, of Lawrenceville, GA; Denise L. R. Pera of New Britain and Orlando, FL; and a nephew, Richard J. Pera and his wife, Mary Jo, of Washington, D.C.; and four grand nephews.

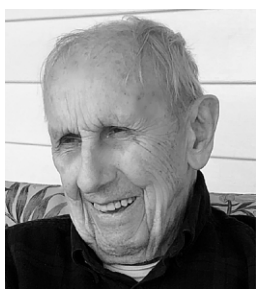
Funeral services are Saturday, May 7, 2022, at 10:00AM at South Church,90 Main Street, New Britain. There are no calling hours. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain.

Memorial donations may be made to South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051 and designated for the Assyrian Memorial Parlor Fund. The Carlson Funeral Home in New Britain, is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com .

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LeFebvre, Alfred F.



It is with great sadness that the family of Alfred F. LeFebvre announce his death on April 26, 2022 at the age of 95. Al was born in Hartford on September 4, 1926 to Alfred L. and Amelia (Hamel) LeFebvre and grew up in Windsor. He was brother to Paul L. of West Springfield and the late Charles N. LeFebvre of Bradenton FL. He was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Norma (Gabianelli) and his eldest son, Marc H. LeFebvre of Phoenix AZ. He is survived by his son Gene and partner Neil Keller of New York NY, Neil and wife Angela of West Hartford, and Alison and husband, Antonio Sanchez, of Virginia Beach VA. Also surviving him are grandchildren Brandi (Adam) Aragon and Kyle LeFebvre of Tulsa OK, Marielle LeFebvre of West Hartford, and David and Deanna Sanchez of Virginia Beach VA. He was a loving brother-in-law to Linda R. Gabianelli of Bloomfield who lived with his family since 1970 and was a dedicated caregiver for many years. After graduating from Windsor High School in 1944, he enlisted in the Navy and completed the Naval Reserve College Training Program at Navy V-12 Unit, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Rensselear Polytechnical Institute in Troy NY, and Boot Camp at NTC Great Lakes in 1946. He earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering at UCONN in 1949 and completed a program in Industrial Design at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn NY in 1951. At the start of the Korean War, Al was commissioned after completing Naval Officer Candidate School and served aboard the USS Yorktown CVG-15 as a Staff Electronics Officer from 1952-1955. He returned to school as an adult learner completing an Associate's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Hartford State Technical College in 1987. As an engineer, Al was employed in aerospace and commercial high-tech industry companies throughout CT including Pitney-Bowes, Kaman, Hamilton Standard, Pfizer, Corometrics, and ScanOptics. He retired after 13 years of Government Service at DPRO, Defense Logistics Program-Sikorsky Aircraft in Stratford where he was dedicated to the development of the CH-53 Sea Stallion helicopter. Al resided in Bloomfield since 1959 and was an active and respected community member serving on the Intergroup Council, Library Board, Town Council, Commission on Aging, Building Committees, and Town Plan and Zoning Commission. He delivered for Meals on Wheels, sang with Music Makers, tutored high school math students and taught in adult education programs. A lover of the arts, science and math, Al was an inventor and an avid sculptor, woodworker, cartoonist, Mr. Fix-It, model maker, RC airplane enthusiast, swimmer, music lover, history buff, reader, and lifelong learner. He was a generous husband, father, grandfather and friend, who shared his many talents and passions. All who knew him will hold happy and enduring memories. Contributions may be made in memory of Alfred to the Glaucoma Research Foundation. A Celebration of Life event will be scheduled in the very near future.

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OBITUARIES

Plasse, Paul Albert



Paul Albert Plasse, 75, passed away peacefully Tuesday April 26, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Chicopee on December 28, 1946 to the late Alpherie and Claire (Morin) Plasse. Paul attended schools in Chicopee and Holyoke and graduated from Holyoke Catholic High School in 1964. He attended Holyoke Community College and received an associates degree. Paul proudly served his country in Vietnam in Bravo Company 1st platoon 2nd battalion 22nd infantry, 25th division from 1967 to 1969. After his military service he went on to work for United Technologies as a Senior Research Assistant for 35 years supporting NASA's Space Shuttle Program and fuel cell research. He served his community in many capacities including as a member of the Blandford Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and as a Selectman. Paul had a lifelong passion for the outdoors. One of his greatest joys was hiking with friends and family. His frequent outings with his friends Gary, Mike, and the 'Clowns' brought him great joy. He was a longtime volunteer for the Appalachian Mountain Club. His work surveying property boundaries and maintaining trails will leave a lasting legacy for future generations. Paul leaves his loving wife Linda (Rivest) Plasse of 53 years. His children Eric S. and wife Krista J. of Conway, Mass, Scott M.and his wife Kelly of Munnsville, New York, and Lisa L Hebert and husband Marc of Dedham, Mass. He also leaves his grandchildren Emily Plasse, Nicole Plasse, Chloe Hebert, Katherine Hebert, Liam Plasse, Brady Plasse, Taya Plasse, and Riley March. He leaves his siblings Sr. Cecile Plasse, P.O.M., Robert and his wife Nancy Plasse, Christine Brown and her husband Robert, and his brother-in-law George Rivest, along with many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his sister, Helen Plasse, and his brother-in-law, Norman Rivest. The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Dana Farber Cancer Institute for their great care these past 5 years. Our deepest gratitude to Drs Mary-Ellen Taplin, Paul Nguyen, Quoc-Dien Trinh, Martin Kathrins, Mai Ahn Huynh. The funeral for Paul will be on Thursday May 5, 2022 at 9AM from Firtion-Adams Funeral Service 76 Broad St., Westfield, MA. A liturgy of Christian Burial will follow at 10AM in Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 127 Holyoke Road, Westfield. Burial with full Military Honors will be held in Hill Cemetery, Blandford, immediately following. The calling hours for Paul will be on Wednesday May 4, 2022 from 4-7PM in Firtion-Adams Funeral Service, Westfield. In Lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to: Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the American Center Society - Hope Lodge Boston. www.firtionadams.com

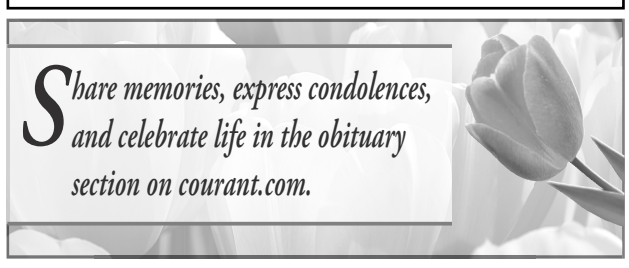
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Welch, John "Jack"



John "Jack" W. Welch of Melbourne, FL, and long-time Connecticut resident passed away on April 7, 2022, at the age of 83 following a short illness. Jack was born on November 8, 1938, in Middletown, CT. A high school athlete, he graduated Woodrow Wilson High School in 1957. Jack worked for the Connecticut Department of Transportation for 34 years. Following his retirement, he worked for Business and Legal Reports for an additional 10 years. Jack was a lifelong member of the Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and a 25-year volunteer veteran of the South Fire District, Middletown, CT. His passions included refinishing furniture and supporting his beloved Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots, and UConn Men's and Women's Basketball. Jack was predeceased by his father, John "Jack" C. Welch, his mother, Helen (Swanson) Welch, infant son, Marc R. Welch, and his son-in-law, Robert M. Waldner. He is survived by his wife, Patricia (Morse) Welch, of Melbourne, FL., his daughter Michele Waldner (partner Rick Jordan) of Murrells Inlet, SC., his son Brian, wife Kate (Moreau), and granddaughter Lauren Welch of Springfield, MA., brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Leo and Pauline Morse of Blackstone, MA., sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Lucille and Jim Coyne of Titusville, FL., and brother-in-law Ron Morse of Long Beach, CA., as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. A remembrance of Jack's life and spirit will be honored with calling hours Thursday, May 5, 2022, from 5-7 p.m., at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St., Middletown, CT., 06457. Followed by a Catholic mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 10 Elm St., Middletown, CT., 06457, on Friday, May 6, 2022, at 12:00 p.m., on what would have been their 61st wedding anniversary. Burial at Calvary Cemetery, Middletown, CT., will follow. Donations in Jack's name can be made to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 3 Silver St., Middletown, CT., 06457, or New Horizons Domestic Violence Services, P.O. Box 1036, Middletown, CT., 06457. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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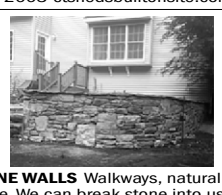
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The Newington Board of Education will destroy all special education records of students who have exited the district (graduated or reached age 21) in the 2015-2016 school year. Any individual who wishes to obtain his/her records before they are destroyed must contact the Student Services Office at 860-665-8650 prior to May 31, 2022. All records will be disposed ofon July 1, 2022.
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LEGAL NOTICE

The Legal Voters of the New Hartford Village Fire District are hereby warned and notified that the Annual Meeting of the District will be held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 8:00 P.M., E.D.T. in the meeting room of the fire station at RTE.219 and Greenwoods Road for the following purpose to wit:
1) To hear and act upon the reports of the District Committee Chairman, The Tax Collector, the Treasurer and any Officers of the District Committee.
2) To act upon a budget and establish a tax rate for the fiscal year July I, 2022 thru June 30, 2023.
3) To elect two committee members for a term of three years.
4) To authorize the District Committee to borrow funds necessary to conduct business until funds are received from tax collections.
5) To act upon such matters to come proper before this meeting relative to this call.
Voting will be done by ballot and in person. The budget, ballot copies and a ballot box will be available on Monday, May 2nd 2022 at the fire station at R.T.E. 219 and Greenwoods Rd.
Dated at New Hartford, CT, this 2nd day of May 2022. Karen Carvalho - District Secretary
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LEGAL NOTICE

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STATE PROJECT NO: 052-0079 CV

Sealed bids for ACM Removal, Floor Replacement and Related Work, West District Elementary School, will be accepted by the Town of Farmington at the Office of the Director of School Facilities, Samuel C. Kilpatrick, Farmington Public Schools, One Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT, 06032, until 1:30 PM on Thursday, May 12, 2022 and at that time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Complete bid documents can be viewed and ordered through Advanced Reprographics, LLC, 50 Corporate Avenue, Plainville, CT, 06062. For viewing: Visit www.advancedrepro.net, select "Planroom"; select "Public Jobs". Documents will be available Monday, April 25, 2022. To obtain an electronic or paper set of bid documents: An electronic or paper set containing all contract documents may be purchased directly from Advanced Reprographics for $60.00 per set. This is a purchase and is not refundable. The bid consists of the removal of existing roof material, insulation, flashing and accessories, as required for installation of new materials and provision of new rigid insulation, roof membrane, flashing and accessories, and roof drainage modifications. A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting for all prospective bidders is scheduled for 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at West District Elementary School, 114 West District Road, Unionville, CT.
The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to award any item, group of items or the total bid, and to waive any or all informalities or technical defects, if it is deemed by the Town to be in its best interest to do so.

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The Windsor Locks Housing Authority will close their Federal and State waiting lists at 4:00 PM Monday May 2.2022 Applications postmarked before the closing date/time will be accepted. When the WLHA is prepared to open the waiting list a public notice shall provide notification to all interested parties. The Windsor Locks Housing Authority does not discriminate based upon race, color, disability, familial status, sex or national origin.
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Q&A MICHAEL BOLTON

In 'Beautiful World,' a push for positivity

New Haven native shares meaning behind 'American Song' anthem

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Why should Michael Bolton be representing Connecticut on NBC's "American Song Contest"? Read his 2013 memoir titled "The Soul of It All: My Music, My Life." Throughout his long career in an industry largely based in Los Angeles and New York City, Bolton has continually returned to his home state.

He grew up in the Beaver Hills section of New Haven, where his father was active in local politics. He hitchhiked to California as a teenager to pursue his music career and returned to Connecticut just weeks later. He built his name locally as a singer in metal bands, including Blackjack, playing regularly at Toad's Place and other local clubs. When, after decades of effort, he finally made a national name for himself first as a songwriter and then as a performer, he was still connected to Connecticut. He's been a resident of Westport for more than three decades.

Bolton appeared in the first episode of NBC's "American Song Contest," hosted by Snoop Dogg and Kelly Clarkson, on March 21 singing the feel-good anthem "Beautiful World," which he co-wrote with Justin Jesso. The competition is a U.S. version of the "Eurovision Song Contest." Bolton was not the jury's choice to advance to the semifinals, but he got there a week later through the other qualifying route, viewers' votes.

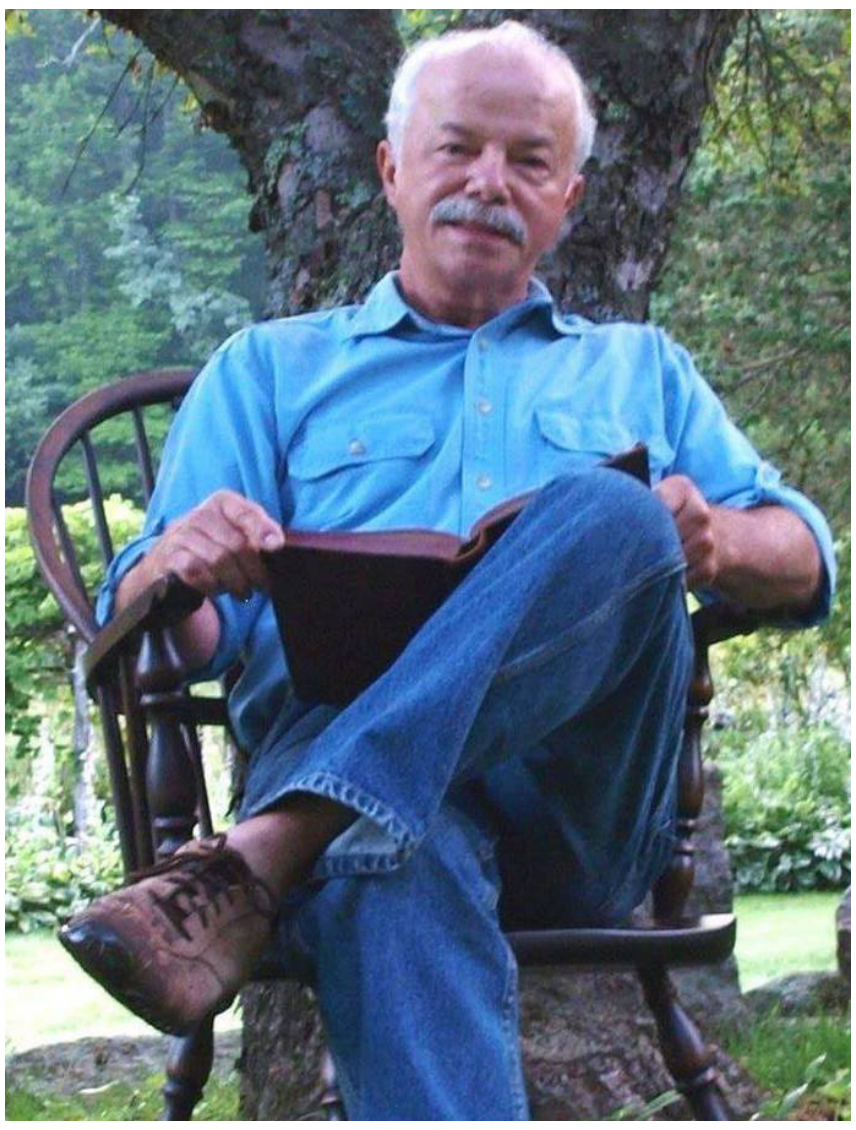
On Monday, Michael Bolton returns to "American Song Contest" as a contender in the show's semifinals. On Friday, the singer will perform at Mohegan Sun Arena. There's a pre-show fundraiser for his Michael Bolton Charities organization, which will be raising money for its Beyond Trauma Youth Music Therapy Andie Koplik Residency programs at Riverside Opportunity Academy in New Haven and Bennie Dover Jackson Multi-Magnet Middle School in New London.

The Courant spoke to Bolton in mid-April about his Connecticut roots, what you can expect to hear on his latest tour, and what makes him laugh.

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Michael Bolton will return to NBC's "American Song Contest" on Monday, singing "Beautiful World" in the semifinals. CHRIS HASTON/NBC



Killingly teacher Richard Martin is retiring after 50 years. RICHARD MARTIN/COURTESY

Going out on top

Killingly teacher retires after 50 years in the classroom

By Melanie Savage | Courant Community

Richard Martin never planned on being a teacher. With a mother who was a second grade teacher, Martin swore that the classroom was not for him.

He had originally planned on being a psychologist, but in his junior year at the University of Rhode Island, Martin had three psychology professors that rubbed him the wrong way. So, he switched his major to English and decided to be a writer. But Martin realized he had to make a living. He figured he'd teach until he'd established his writing career.

Fifty years later, Martin is still teaching and still loving it. Teaching literature and writing, he says, has been a joy.

Martin started teaching at Burrillville High School, a small rural school in Rhode Island, when he was 24. The first English class he taught as a student teacher, Martin's critic teacher, John Lacouture, was sitting in the back of the classroom.

"I was halfway through explaining the difference between adverbs and adjectives, when [he] packed up his gear and left," said Martin.

Thinking he had done something horribly wrong, Martin sought out Lacouture in the teacher's lounge after class. Lacouture looked at Martin and told him that there are three types of teachers. Some don't have it, others have to work hard at it. Lacouture said he'd left the classroom because Martin belonged to the third group of teachers.

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Shining a light on the Sikh community

Norwich museum a space to share beauty, struggles and history

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Swaranjit Singh Khalsa, a newly elected Norwich City councilman, takes his duties to represent the people of the city seriously. He takes his ethnic and religious heritage even more seriously. He is a Sikh, born in New Delhi and raised in Punjab after a genocidal purge made it unsafe to live in India's capital city.

"We need to recognize cultural identities. Recognizing them is the first step to feeling welcome here," Singh Khalsa says. "We need to capture the sentiments of the Sikh community."

Singh Khalsa is director of the Sikh Art Museum, a collection of artworks, historical artifacts and magazine and newspaper articles telling the history of the Sikhs — their culture, their religion, their music, the stories of their heroes and their struggle for recognition and civil rights.

The museum opened in the fall of 2020. Due to the pandemic, it just had its ribbon-cutting as part of a Sikh Declaration of Independence Day on Friday.

A mural unveiled Friday features an image of Jaswant Singh Khalra, a Sikh human rights activist who was seized in Punjab in 1995 and never seen again.

Of the 30 million-or-so Sikhs in the world, the vast majority live in Punjab, where the religion has its roots. Singh Khalsa said Singh Khalra's fate is similar to many Sikh activists in Punjab. He said, émigré Sikhs must speak out.

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Swaranjit Singh Khalsa, director of the Sikh Art Museum in Norwich, stands with "Maharaja Duleep Singh," depicting the last maharajah of the Sikh Empire. SUSAN DUNNE/HARTFORD COURANT

Pratt workers ratify contract

Labor peace and job security established as air travel picks up

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

WALLINGFORD — Unionized workers at Pratt & Whitney on Sunday ratified a three-year contract, ensuring labor peace as the jet engine manufacturer looks forward to a return to pre-pandemic air travel and steady increases in military spending.

For the International Association of Machinists, job security is assured following COVID-19 job cuts and a Pratt & Whitney manufacturing center set to open in North Carolina, a lower-cost right-to-work state less friendly to unions than Northeast states.

David Powilatis, vice president of employee and labor relations at Pratt & Whitney, said the agreement is fair to employees, while also "positioning the company for long-term success."

IAM International President Robert Martinez Jr. said workers during the pandemic were considered essential and "took their roles to maintain production and helped the company remain profitable seriously."

The Machinists union, which represents about 3,000 employees at Pratt & Whitney's East Hartford and Middletown plants, said approximately that number voted. The union did not provide details on the tally.

The collective bargaining agreement, which takes effect Monday, improves job security language, including guaranteed new work, annual wage increases, improved pension accrual rates and more personal time off and vacations, the union said. It did not provide specific information about the contract.

The union said the pact improves on health care costs, with a minimum average savings per employee of $2,400, including premiums and out-of-pocket expenses.

Pratt & Whitney said the agreement calls for competitive wage increases in each of the three years, improves medical and dental health care plans, enhanced vacation policies for newer employees and continued apprentice programs.

Gerald Martin, an electrician who's worked at Pratt & Whitney 24 years, said it was a fair contract. Following the vote at the Toyota Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford, he said pensions were increased after the company and union in 2016 negotiated an end to pensions for new hires in the 5.5-year contract now expiring.

Martin, 62, said Pratt & Whitney should benefit from improving business. He recently returned from Germany where he visited family and said he's "never seen so many jets and planes overhead." The plane on which he traveled "was packed," he said.

Eileen Post, a general lead inspector for Pratt & Whitney's military business, said "plenty of overtime" is available.

One improvement, she said, is that three weeks vacation available after eight years on the job may now be used after five years.

Post, a 38-year veteran of Pratt & Whitney, recalled strikes in 1985 and 2001 that she said gained little for workers. "You go back for the exact same pay you went on strike for," she said.

Job security was a top concern for workers. During the pandemic, Pratt and Whitney's workforce was reduced by 13%, Martinez said.

Raytheon is opening a $650 million advanced casting foundry and airfoil production facility in Asheville, N.C. It cited energy costs that are lower than in Connecticut. The workforce is nonunion,

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Bolton

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You've been in Connecticut for pretty much your whole life.

There are different reasons throughout the years why I spend more or less time in Connecticut. I did have access to the greatest training ground in the world, which is New York City. If you want to get tough, find out what you're made of, work in New York. But I wound up taking that work ethic back home to Connecticut.

Over the years I've had a lot of friends who are aspiring artists in the state of Connecticut, and one of the things we did have in common is that it's such an enormous uphill climb to have a career in the music business. People who are really a part of the climb of success in their careers, they know how tough it is. We know how long the road can be — for me it was 18 years.

On "American Song Contest" they showed your gold record that's hanging on the wall at Sally's Pizza. Did you know there's still a photo of your band Blackjack hanging behind the counter at Mamoun's on Howe Street?

Mamoun's was life-altering. There was a cult that was created around Mamoun's falafel.

Where exactly did you live in New Haven?

We actually lived in quite a few places within about a 10-block radius. We lived on the Boulevard. We lived right around the corner from Goffe Terrace. I would walk to school with my friend, and I would be the one singing the melody of the latest hit. Looking back, it was just the most natural thing to do. One of my old friends now makes a living off of creating algorithms, so we all had our different passions. Mine was music, probably from when I was 12.

If you go

Michael Bolton performs Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Mohegan Sun Arena, 1 Mohegan Sun Blvd., Uncasville. $20 and $30. moheganssun.com. VIP tickets for a 7 p.m. pre-show reception and fundraiser for Michael Bolton Charities are $250-$15,000 and are available at michaelboltoncharities.com.

Your father was a ward boss in the 24th Ward.

My brother and I would leave pamphlets under people's doors to get congressmen and senators elected. Eventually they became big shots in the party, like Congressman Bob Giaimo or Abe Ribicoff. So every once in a while when I meet somebody like [former] Senator Dodd, outside of Connecticut somewhere, there are a lot of names who we've both worked with in some capacity. My brother and I helped people get elected, without knowing what we were doing.

Even then, my father was supportive of my pursuit, my interest in music. So was my mother — she actually always wanted to be a singer but, you know, mothers and housewives were not encouraged to pursue careers or do anything that would take them out of the kitchen. So in a way I helped my mother live out her fantasy by my success. Through the years, she was coming to all the shows that weren't too far away, and I would introduce her to the audience, and she would stand up and wave, and they gave her a lot of love.

You're playing Mohegan Sun on May 6. What's in a Michael Bolton show now?

There are quite a few different elements. We recorded an album in Australia with the Perth Symphony Orchestra. So whenever we want, at any time during any of the greatest hits, we have the ability, we have the technology, to have that 65-piece orchestra coming through the speakers. I've never had a complaint from a fan or an audience member who said, "Why is there an orchestra coming out of the speaker? Why are you doing that?"

The show basically consists of my greatest hits. What I found when I went to see Bryan Adams or Fleetwood Mac, you hear 15, maybe 18 hits in a row, one after another after another and you're singing along with them. When they suddenly veer off of the hit list, you're polite and you clap your hands and maybe make some noise, but there's a big difference.

My barometer is the audience. My job and my responsibility is to make them feel great about the music they're hearing coming from me and the band. It's not rocket science.

Is "Beautiful World" in your show now?

It's definitely in the show, and it's a song that has really received a lot of glowing comments from all kinds of people. I get a lot of "We really need a song like this."

Did you write it especially for "American Song Contest"?

I didn't write it for the show. I wrote it with Justin Jesso. We were writing about the time we're in. We were in the thick of COVID. This is before the Ukraine experience. We were just doubling down on turning this negative into a positive. In particular, I was really feeling good about this potential of compassion we can embrace while a lot of people go through one of the toughest times of their lives. We don't need more negativity. We don't need more division. We need more of embracing our fellow human beings, being generous and reaching into the positive place in your life and sharing that. It turns out the song has been great for that.

How did you feel when you didn't get picked the first week? Did you feel pretty good about your chances for making the semifinals when the viewers voted?

This may sound strange to you, but I did not watch the kettle boil. I didn't feel it was a typical song competition. I didn't feel like it was a vocal competition. But I did feel like I had an opportunity to reveal the music I've been working on for my next album. People were already responding really well to the song. That's pretty much everything you could want, going in your favor, as part of a show.

But when people talk about it in a competitive way, like "What's in it for you doing this?" or "I'm surprised you're doing this," I'm thinking: Have you guys read my bio? My songwriting took off after 18 years of trying to have an artist's career, a career as a singer. What is it that would stop me from being excited about doing a song in a show of American songs, that was conceptually created off of Eurovision, which has been the biggest music show in the world since its inception? I'm very much about songwriting, very much about the art of, and the love of, writing music. So it made perfect sense. How far it will go, I don't know. It's already a super-positive to me.

You've done so much comedy, often on other people's stuff. What makes you laugh?

I'm somebody who loves Robin Williams, pretty much anything he did. I've been known to sit in front of the TV and watch several episodes of "South Park."

I am developing some new projects. I am finishing up mixing and mastering my newest album as we speak. I am also speaking to people about more opportunities to have fun, which usually means comedy.

Thanks for talking, and break a leg on the show.

I'm going to break a lung.

Christopher Arnott can be reached at carnott@courant.com.



"Darbar of Maharaja Ranjit Singh" is on view at Sikh Art Museum in Norwich. **SUSAN DUNNE/ HARTFORD COURANT**

Museum

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"In Punjab, the Sikh struggle will continue. Sikhs living in the diaspora need to give the world the right narrative, tell the world the reality of the Sikhs," he says. "We must keep up the fight, keep the stories alive."

Singh Khalsa estimated that 20 Sikh families live in Norwich and about 500 live in Connecticut. Gurdwaras — Sikh religious gathering places — are in Hamden, Norwalk, Windsor and Southington.

The artworks and artifacts in the small museum tell many stories of Sikhism, starting its origins in the mid-15th century. Among the pieces are portraits of royalty and martyrs, renderings of religious gatherings and stories of the Sikh Empire, an autonomous state that existed from 1799 to 1849, near the end of the British annexation of the Indian subcontinent.

The museum also holds Punjab-language and kirtan singing classes for the community.

Sikhism is distinguished from other religions by its lack of priests or other religious leaders.

"Our 10th guru said to take guidance from Sikh scripture. He didn't want leaders to change the scripture," Singh Khalsa says.

All Sikh males have the name Singh, which means lion. All Sikh females have the name Kaur, which means princess.

Singh Khalsa said the museum's goal isn't just to keep Sikh stories alive in the Sikh community, but also to educate the non-Sikh community.

"After 9/11, there were a lot of hate crimes. The Sikh community needs to focus on who we are," he says. "It's still a struggle. I'm an elected official in Norwich, but people see me walking down the street and they don't know who I am."

In Connecticut, Sikhs have had good luck getting recognition and respect. In 2018, it became the first state to observe Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day, in recollection of the mid-'80s massacre that killed up to 17,000 Sikhs. Two weeks ago, the state Senate passed a bill that would allow state police to wear religious head coverings.

"These are baby steps we are doing to educate folks," he says.

The struggle continues, though. In 2019, a Sikh genocide memorial at the Norwich Public Library was taken down when the Indian consulate in New York complained. Still, Singh Khalsa and other local activists press on.

"My goal is to make sure history is preserved. There is no way we can change history, but Sikh truth has to come out," he says. "I want our community to feel safe, to feel recognized, to feel that this state understands what has happened to them."

The gallery is open by appointment only. Email info@sikhartgallery.com. More information at sikhartgallery.com.

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Martin

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"He told me he'd left because I didn't need him," said Martin.

Lacouture told his protégé that the third type of teacher just has what it takes in the classroom. And Martin was one of those teachers.

Today, Martin is completing his 22nd year at Killingly High School, after a previous career spanning 28 years at Burrillville High.

In 2000, he was offered an opportunity to start a writing program at Killingly, and he jumped at it. Martin teaches senior honors English and advises the school's award-winning news magazine, The Redline, which last year took another first place in the annual American Scholastic Journalism Awards.

Martin is the only teacher in Burrillville High history to be Teacher of the Year twice and has been recognized by the Rhode Island National Education Association for his contributions to education, along with other recognitions, including Citizen of the Year for his hometown of Glocester, Rhode Island.

Over the years, Martin has coached girls varsity basketball and volleyball, leading the teams to division championships and earning Coach of the Year in girls basketball. He has also been a contributing editor for the Scott Foresman groundbreaking literature textbook series, which debuted in 1989.

Martin did become a writer as well, writing mostly columns and feature articles for various magazines and newspapers. His writings have appeared in Providence Magazine, The Providence Journal, The Call, The Observer, Sport magazine, and others. He earned a number of writing awards over the years, as did the students to whom he taught writing. He also wrote two books, "Mae" and "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Sanity," both of which were successful.

Martin said that the love of teaching has kept him in the classroom for so many years.

"After I had written my second book, a reporter asked me if I was a teacher who writes or a writer who teaches," he recalled.

After some thought, Martin decided that he is a teacher who writes.

"Students give me energy," he said. "When the classroom is alive, it is full of energy — which just resonates with everyone in the room."

Martin recalled that when he was first hired in Killingly, the principal at the time, Mary Christian, asked him how long he would stay. He told her he'd stay until he didn't want to get up in the morning or he felt he was no longer 100 percent effective. Now he says it is probably time to retire, while he is still on the top of his game.

"I don't want to be a Willy Mays ... dropping fly balls in center field," said Martin, noting that he still gets compliments and notes from his students.

Contract

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which may cut labor costs and, without work rules negotiated in collective bargaining agreements, management will have more flexibility.

"Our team has prepared for months for these negotiations, and the continual focus on protecting and growing the workforce in Connecticut is paramount," Martinez said at the start of contract talks.

The Machinists union cited the North Carolina plant it said "completes some of the work in Connecticut."

Pratt & Whitney, a subsidiary of Raytheon Technologies Corp., based in Waltham, Mass., posted revenue of $4.5 billion for the first three months of the year, up 12% from the first quarter of 2021. Raytheon Technologies says it expects airline travel to return to 2019 levels next year.

The East Hartford-based engine maker has been climbing back from a steep fall in revenue and profit brought on by COVID-19 that forced travel restrictions, prompting airlines to ground their fleets.

The Machinists union said this year it's negotiating contracts that cover more than 55,000 workers.

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PETS UP FOR ADOPTION



Florence

Florence is 3 years old and was found as an abandoned stray. She is grateful to be safe and off the streets. Florence would love to have many conversations with you all day long. She is very chatty. Florence is a sweet girl but can be a bit unpredictable at times when she has had enough attention. You will need to follow her lead and know when she has had enough pets and attention. She does OK with the other shelter cats, but her ideal home would probably be where she can be your one and only queen. Please come meet Florence and put a deposit down to hold her until she is spayed (and recovered). No dogs. No children. If interested, go to CatTalesCT.org/cats/Florence or call 860-344-9043 or email info@CatTalesCT.org.



Willow

Willow is a 9-year-old shepherd/husky mix who is charming, adventurous and fun. She enjoys spending time on the couch with her people and entertaining herself with her favorite Kong toys. She is looking for an adult home with dog savvy people and where she can be your one and only pet to receive all the attention. Willow would appreciate a single family home in a rural area with an active lifestyle. To learn more, please contact Our Companions at 860-242-9999 or email Helpline@OurCompanions.org.



Joy

Joy was rescued by a concerned woman in Southington while pregnant. She was brought inside so she could deliver her kittens safely. Joy delivered five kittens who are all black. AFOC was contacted to take them, which we did. Joy and her kittens are all available for adoption. If interested, call 860-693-0303.

For more information or to submit a pet for adoption, please email pets@courant.com.

Please include a photo, a description of the pet including age and personality, and contact information including an email address and a phone number.

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NOW PLAYING

Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online


Siiri Solalinna in "Hatching," the directorial debut of Hannah Bergholm. **IFC FILMS**

'FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE SECRETS OF DUMBLEDORE': The third installment in the "Harry Potter" prequel franchise, "Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore," arrives four years after the second film, "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald." The plot concerns Grindelwald's grasps at power in the magical world because he essentially wants to start a race war with the muggles (humans). Set in the 1930s (or thereabouts), the fascist vibes are thick in the air as the motley crew of Albus Dumbledore (Jude Law), magizoologist Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne), Newt's brother Theseus (Callum Turner), Hogwarts professor Lally Hicks (Jessica Williams), and muggle baker Jacob (Dan Fogler) set out to foil Grindelwald's plans by confusing his visions of the future. Does the plan work? Not really, but honestly, who's to say? After all the running around they still end up at some rigged election in Bhutan in which a magical creature will select the "pure of heart" to lead the magical world, if anyone still cares. There is nothing of consequence that occurs in this movie, as everyone involved seems to be going through the motions in order to cash a check and fulfill their obligations. 2:22. 1 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

'FATHER STU': "Father Stu"? He's not a regular priest, he's a cool priest. A priest who swears, a priest with a history of boozing and boxing. That's the story told, at least by the film's poster, which features a diptych of star Mark Wahlberg, looking rough and rueful in a mug shot, and then beatific in Catholic clergy apparel. The journey between the two photos is the dominion of "Father Stu," the directorial debut of Rosalind Ross, who also wrote the screenplay, though there's more to the story of Catholic priest Stuart Long. There is a profound grace to be found in "Father Stu," when everyone gets out of the way to let the message of suffering as spirituality just breathe. But one can't help but feel like that comes too little and too late to have any significant impact. 2:04. 2 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

'HATCHING': In the fantastical Finnish horror fairytale "Hatching," the directorial debut of Hannah Bergholm, a young girl hatches a murderous bird monster out of an egg that she secretly nests in her bed, and that's not even the scariest part — her perfectionist mommy blogger mother strikes the truest terror in the film. Like many great monster movies, "Hatching" uses a monster as a metaphor for repressed emotion, and the creature at the center of this film is one of the most uniquely grotesque creations seen on screen in a long time. In Finnish with English subtitles. 1:27. 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

'MEMORY': Back in 2001, Guy Pearce starred in Christopher Nolan's "Memento," a film about a man tracking down his wife's killer while suffering from memory loss, using notes and tattoos on his body to remember clues in his search. In 2022, he's co-starring in a film in which a contract killer suffering from early onset Alzheimer's uses similar methods in order to keep track of details. But that's where the comparisons between "Memento" and Martin Campbell's "Memory" end. The former was a groundbreaking neo-noir classic; the latter is best forgotten as soon as possible. "Memory" is yet another entry in the Liam Neeson Gets Revenge sub-genre, a sprawling body of work that sprung up after the surprise success of the 2008 action-thriller "Taken." You know the drill: a child or some other vulnerable person is threatened, his character has got a very particular set of skills, rescue and/or vengeance ensues. That's at least one of the plots of "Memory," a tangled mess of intertwining storylines and too many two-dimensional characters. In English and Spanish with English subtitles. 1:53. 1 ½ stars. — *Katie Walsh*

'THE NORTHMAN': In 1982, "Conan the Barbarian" enticed audiences with a poster promising four phases of a rough man's rough life: "Thief. Warrior. Gladiator. King." "The Northman," which wanders narratively but, as cinema, basically eats "Conan" for breakfast, follows what might be considered a similar career path: Prince, followed by Slave, then Viking Marauder, and finally Newly Sensitized Lover and Potential Family Man. Alexander Skarsgard takes the title role, as well as taking a fair bit of on-screen punishment en route to a climactic battle at the Gates of Hel (one "l" in this hell, for the record). There, at Hel, Amleth, played by Skarsgard, wields his mighty sword against his king-dom-usurping uncle (Claes Bang) surrounded by rivers of flaming molten lava. They're nude, discreetly silhouetted, and as in much of "The Northman" the scene's melding of digital and practical effects and design strategies doesn't lead to the usual fantasy generica. Robert Eggers creates worlds that used to be, or never were, but thanks to his chosen medium, there they are, vivid and alive. 2:16. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

'SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2': Based on the Sega video game franchise about a speedy blue creature, "Sonic the Hedgehog" raced into theaters in 2020. A mix of live-action and digital animation, "Sonic" was a reasonably fun family friendly adventure that benefited from a wonderful voice performance from Ben Schwartz as the heroic Sonic and generally enjoyable cartoonish shenanigans from Jim Carrey as his nemesis, the villainous Dr. Robotnik. With "Sonic the Hedgehog 2," we get a sequel that is, of course, bigger. And, unfortunately, longer. In the movie's production notes, producer Toby Ascher speaks of efforts to create "a Sonic cinematic universe," because, we can only assume, the world has too few cinematic universes at this point. Well, guys, if we are to see more of Blue Justice and his buddies, a little less may prove to be a bit more next time. 2:02. 2 stars. — *Mark Meszoros, Willoughby News-Herald*

'THE UNBEARABLE WEIGHT OF MASSIVE TALENT': Now 58, with nearly 100 film credits since he was in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," Nicolas Cage has handled a lion's share of money grabs in a career distinguished by a gratifying number of movies worth seeing, often just for him. Good material, bad material, big-budget studio clangers, low-budget indies on wry: The man does not coast. The central gag in the occasionally funny action-comedy "The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent" imagines Cage, playing a variation on himself named Nick Cage at a career impasse. Divorced, with a tenuous, tetchy relationship with a (fictional) teenage daughter played by Lily Mo Sheen, the movie's version of Cage has run up a $600,000 tab at a fancy Los Angeles hotel and needs a job. His agent, Fink (Neil Patrick Harris), comes through with a prospect: For a cool, gallingly easy million, his client is to attend a super rich Cage fan's birthday party on the island of Mallorca, Spain. There Cage will be the special guest star, required only to small-talk about his career, get some sun and sweat his future. Through it all, Cage gives his all, which hardly needed saying. He takes on two roles, plus a cameo, playing "himself"; a pushy, digitally de-aged '90s version of himself, named "Nicky"; and a peppy, aged Italian crime boss with terrible fashion sense. Cage never stops trying things, whether its eccentric physical details or idiosyncratically timed punchlines. 1:47. 2 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

CELEBRITIES

Stars on unspoken word at 'Macbeth'

From news services

The most commonly held taboo in the arts is uttering the word "Macbeth" inside a theater. Daniel Craig and Ruth Negga don't buy it.

Shakespeare's tragedy was said to be cursed before its first performance more than 500 years ago. Since then, the superstition forbids the show's title to ever be spoken inside a theater. Instead it's referred to as "the Scottish play."

Before taking the stage Thursday for opening night of the Broadway revival, Craig and Negga were more brazen, preferring not to buy into the superstition that some tragedy will occur if someone utters its name.

"Individually, I don't know we're that powerful," said Craig, who plays the Scottish anti-hero. "I have my own superstitions about all sorts of things, but not particularly about this."

"We say it all the time," said his co-star Negga, who plays Lady Macbeth. Like Craig, she admits to being superstitious, just not about saying the name of the play inside the theater.

While they hold a looser attitude when it comes to the curse, Maria Dizzia, who plays one of the witches, wondered if they were truly left unscathed.

"We said 'Macbeth,' and then we all got COVID," Dizzia said. "The show closed for, you know, 10 days, which we felt was like a kind of curse that was put on the play."

Director Sam Gold also expressed second thoughts. "I'm not a superstitious person, but this process will teach me to be one the next time. I definitely said the word 'Macbeth' a lot and everyone definitely got COVID."


Daniel Craig and Ruth Negga attend the opening night of "Macbeth" Thursday in New York. **EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION**

Dafoe to receive honorary doctorate: Actor Willem Dafoe is set to receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. University officials announced Friday that Dafoe will receive the doctorate of arts on May 22 when he's also slated to speak at the school's two graduation ceremonies.

Dafoe attended UW-Milwaukee in 1973 and 1974 before leaving to become part of Theatre X, an independent experimental theater company. Dafoe, who has appeared in more than 100 films, said in a statement issued by UW-Milwaukee that his time at the university was "a very formative and positive experience."

Grey to revisit Kellerman's in 'Dirty Dancing' sequel: Not only will Jennifer Grey return for the "Dirty Dancing" sequel, first announced by Lionsgate in 2020, but the film will take place where her character Baby and Johnny's (Patrick Swayze) summer romance took center stage in the original.

"Jennifer Grey returns to Kellerman's in the next chapter," a voiceover said Thursday at Lionsgate's Cinemacon presentation as clips from the 1987 romantic classic played, Entertainment Weekly reports.

Grey, 62, will also serve as executive producer of the sequel, but it's unclear if she'll reprise her role as Frances "Baby" Houseman. Swayze died in 2009.

Additional information about the upcoming film has not yet been released.

May 2 birthdays: Singer Engelbert Humperdinck is 86. Singer Larry Gatlin is 74. Singer Lou Gramm is 72. Actor Christine Baranski is 70. Singer Angela Bofill is 68. Actor Brian Tochi is 63. Journalist Mika Brzezinski is 55. Actor Dwayne Johnson is 50. Actor Ellie Kemper is 42. Actor Gaius Charles is 39.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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College lovebirds run into serious red light

Dear Amy: My husband and I were lovebirds in college. We had so much in common!

Unfortunately, an autoimmune disease hit him when he was in good shape and he lost most of the sensation in his body.

At the age of 37, he worked with an unusual paleo diet and conducted lots of internet research. He is now stronger and healthier than before the disease hit.

Now he makes his own kale chips, toothpaste and deodorant. Frankly, I feel like I can't keep up.

He thinks I'm not thin enough, while my doctor compliments my physique.

To avoid shaming, I hide snacks and eat forbidden foods like oatmeal in the basement.

I thought that helping him to pay for and set up a red-light sauna in the basement was supportive and cute, and now I am pressured to sit in it and absorb a health treatment I know nothing about.

Had I met my husband now, with all the health stuff, I wouldn't have continued the relationship, due to these large differences between us.

When I expressed my feelings about this obsession he threw "eBay shopping" back in my face.

I have a "you do you" policy, but I'm beginning to think it isn't a two-way street. I don't want a divorce, just a reverse lever.

— *Health Nutty*

Dear Nutty: You don't seem to be trying to force your husband to join you in your eBay habit, but he seems to have the power (or you've granted it) to coax you into a red-light sauna.

Your habits are furtive, and while you claim to have a "you do you" philosophy, if you accept his right to eat and do what he wants, then why don't you accept your own right to eat and do what you want?

In short, if you don't want to eat and spend time in your basement's red-light district, then take your oatmeal upstairs.

I suggest that you apply the "reverse lever" to yourself.

Continue to accept and support his health journey. And make a choice to take good care of yourself in your own way.

Health evangelists can be hard to live with. If he bullies you about your body or hectors you over your confident personal choices, you should find a counselor.

Dear Amy: I've been hired on a new team where I work very closely with "Bruce." We are assigned group projects and submit our work together.

The problem? He's an idiot. He's a nice guy, but is sloppy in his work, incompetent, irresponsible and can't manage priorities and deadlines.

We are both new, and I'm afraid his poor work will reflect badly on me.

I don't want to hurt anyone, but I'm wondering how long to wait before I approach my supervisor.

I find myself managing him, though we have the same job title.

What should I do?!

— *Worried Worker*

Dear Worried: If possible, wait until you've completed one project together. If you continue to believe the quality of your work could be compromised by "Bruce's" incompetence, you should go to your supervisor and ask to be reassigned.

You should be able to do this without throwing him under the bus: "Bruce and I have very different work habits and capabilities. I believe I could achieve much more and be more productive working with someone else. Would that be possible?"

Dear Amy: When people write to you, would you be willing to change the word "girl" to "woman" or "young woman" when people refer to adults in their questions?

Calling a woman a "girl" is demeaning and sexist. You have a powerful, feminist voice. I wish you would tell the world that you are doing this.

I think it would be eye-opening for a lot of folks.

— *Another Amy*

Dear Amy: I agree that referring to women as "girls" is demeaning and sexist. And yet, most often (at least in the questions sent to me), other women are using these terms, referring to: "girls' night out," "girlfriends" "a girl I work with," etc.

I believe this language reveals the basic attitude of the writer.

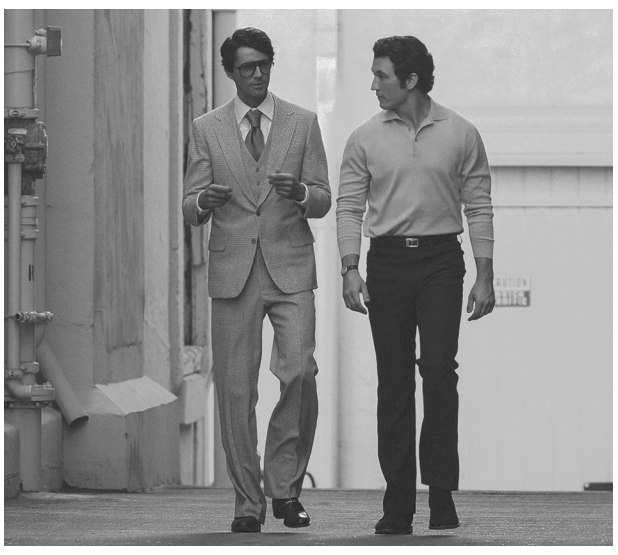
Overall, I appreciate the way people tell their own stories, and I like to leave these stories in the voice of the writer.

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‘Offer’ re-creates wild drama behind making of ‘Godfather’

By Alicia Rancilio
Associated Press



Matthew Goode as Robert Evans and Miles Teller as Al Ruddy in “The Offer.” **NICOLE WILDER/PARAMOUNT+**

On a trip to New York in the early 1970s, Robert Evans, the former head of Paramount, discovered a dead rat in his hotel room bed. According to the new Paramount+ series “The Offer,” this was not an unfortunate travel experience that today would result in a scathing Yelp review, but a warning from the mafia.

Crime boss Joseph Colombo believed Mario Puzo’s book “The Godfather” was an insult to Italian Americans and did not want Paramount to adapt it for the big screen.

The scene is both horrifying and hilarious as Matthew Goode as Evans high-tails it out of town, after ordering the movie’s producer, Al Ruddy (played by Miles Teller), to make it right.

What’s revealed in the 10 episodes of “The Offer,” now streaming, is that pressure from the mafia was just one of many hurdles that Ruddy, Evans and other players navigated to get the movie made.

“I couldn’t believe some of the stories,” said Goode.

Adds Patrick Gallo, who plays Puzo: “if you love the film, you’re not going to believe the kinds of things that went into making it.”

Although the “The Godfather” is an extreme example, Colin Hanks, who plays one of the suits at Paramount’s then owner, Gulf + Western, says “The Offer” provides a window into just how hard it is to make anything in Hollywood.

“It’s an interesting show for the people that have watched ‘The Godfather’ and love ‘The Godfather’ because obviously they’re going to know locations, they’re going to know characters, and there’s going to be some insight into the making of the film. But I think even if someone has not seen ‘The Godfather,’ I think it’s a pretty interesting examination of just how difficult it is.”

“The Offer” paints a heroic picture of Ruddy, who was steadfast in protecting director Francis Ford Coppola’s creative vision, while taking heat from all sides. It depicts how Coppola desperately wanted to cast a then-unknown, off-Broadway actor named Al Pacino in the role of Michael Corleone, much to the initial dismay of Evans and Gulf + Western. He also thought Marlon Brando was perfect as Don Corleone, even though Brando was considered too unreliable at the time. Ruddy persisted and made it happen.

“If he believed in somebody and if he told you he had your back, he did. He had it until the very end,” said Teller.

Ruddy was the film’s sole producer — a rarity in today’s Hollywood, but his support system included his assistant Bettye McCartt, who was at his side every step of the way.

Juno Temple plays McCartt and calls it “one of the greatest honors” of her career to bring Ruddy and McCartt’s partnership to the screen, a pair who trusted each other implicitly.

“You always hear like, ‘Men and women can’t be friends.’ Yeah, they can. They can be best friends, and they can get such incredible (stuff) done together.”

Dan Fogler, who plays Coppola, says “The Offer” is a reminder of the director’s genius, and he would personally love his stamp of approval.

“I wonder what he’s going to think of all this. I hope he gives us his blessing,” he said. (It should be noted that Coppola has dismissed the project, telling Variety in March that “The Offer” doesn’t match his memory of what happened.)

And Hollywood isn’t done with the story. A movie surrounding the roller coaster to get “The Godfather” made, starring Oscar Isaac and Jake Gyllenhaal, called “Francis and the Godfather” is also in the works.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): You could feel like being quite chatty, so allow extra time for human interaction. You’ll probably have an interesting day, whether or not it ends up being what you’d planned. Just accept that you might not get through your to-do list and enjoy the moment!

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Money matters could worry you, but you might be giving small details more importance than they deserve. If you stay calm, you’ll probably be surprised to find that the big picture is better than you expect. Digging deep to rediscover resources can be rewarding!

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Communities and organizations may be fun places for you now. You might find yourself doing more than your share of the talking, but read the room — if people seem to be enjoying your monologue, you should keep going! Strive to be a voice for the common good.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You might get noticed today — just make sure you’re getting attention for something good. Holding it inside could seem impossible. That said, whatever you pass along in confidence may not be kept private. Focusing on your own business is less likely to blow up in your face.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Strutting your intellectual stuff in a group could be exciting. It’ll probably be hard for you to avoid immediately grabbing the attention you seek. However, you need to balance your desire to be right against your interest in making friends. Know when to prioritize good vibes over accuracy.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Successfully tackling a bureaucratic matter you’ve been dreading is now possible. Once you get the ball rolling, there may be more back-and-forth with paperwork or phone calls than you expect. Even if this is frustrating, having the chore done will be worth the trouble!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The need to bring harmony to a relationship may be weighing on you now. You’re likely to achieve your goal if you try to understand the other person’s perspective. You can make them more sympathetic to your own views by addressing their emotional needs.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Speaking up about shared responsibilities can get results today. Other people involved agree that redistributing duties is fair, but they might want to spend a lot of time talking about the details. Though this may seem tedious, clarifying things now will prevent trouble in the future.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Getting to know the people in your life may be important now, but there’s no need to go through their depths. Seeing what brings someone joy can be a window to their deeper nature that you don’t encounter. Your own pleasure will also be on display, which could help you find others who share it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may know of some things at home that need adjusting, but charging into a project could turn out to be more work than you expected. You’re capable of solving whatever problems you encounter, and perhaps you’ll enjoy the challenge! Just don’t expect to be done in a flash.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Being informal isn’t a bad thing now — quite the opposite. While you may need to be sensitive to what the other person would find comfortable, finding a way to bring a human touch to your routine communication is likely to be well received. Don’t be afraid to laugh!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Reining in your generous spirit could be a challenge today. Members of your family might want some of what you have due to small emergencies that come up. You’re capable of sharing a little bit, but know when to stop. Don’t let your desire to be benevolent push you past reasonable limits.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On May 2, 1863, during the Civil War, Confederate Gen. Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Virginia; he died eight days later.

In 1941, General Mills began shipping a new cereal, “Cheerioats,” to test markets. (The cereal was later renamed “Cheerios.”)

In 1970, jockey Diane Crump became the first woman to ride in the Kentucky Derby.

In 1994, Nelson Mandela claimed victory in the wake of South Africa’s first democratic elections.

In 2010, record rains and flash floods in Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee caused more than 30 deaths and submerged the Grand Ole Opry House stage.

In 2018, the Boy Scouts of America announced that the group’s flagship program would undergo a name change; the program would now be called Scouts BSA.

Adlon mined own ‘invisibility’ to create comedy

‘Better Things’ creator captured realities of motherhood, aging over five seasons

By Lorraine Ali
Los Angeles Times



Creator Pamela Adlon attends the final season celebration of FX’s “Better Things” on Feb. 23 in California. **JC OLIVERA/GETTY**

Pamela Adlon has been prepping for the end since the beginning. The “Better Things” creator, star, showrunner, director and producer never assumed her loosely autobiographical comedy about a single mom and working actor raising three kids in the wilds of Los Angeles would charm critics, win a Peabody Award and last five seasons, making her character, Sam Fox, a patron saint of unconventional parenting and symbol of fierce love.

“I ended every season as if it was the last anyway because I never knew if my show was going to get picked up or not,” said Adlon, whose series really did end recently on FX. “That’s just my mentality: Nothing is ever promised.”

Life is a fly-by-the-seat-of-your pants odyssey with Adlon, a former child actor whose credits include “The Facts of Life,” “Grease 2” and “Californication.” (She also won an Emmy for voicing Bobby Hill in Mike Judge’s animated series “King of the Hill.”)

Like Adlon, Sam is a force. She moves through the world with a terminal curiosity and often forgets her inside voice, much to the embarrassment of her eldest daughter, Max (Mikey Madison), the disdain of her middle child, Frankie (Hannah Riley), and the admiration of her baby girl, Duke (Olivia Edward). She defiantly defends the selfish behavior of her British mother/next-door neighbor, Phil (Celia Imrie), and has come to terms with her uptight accountant brother, Marion (Kevin Pollak).

This interview with Aldon has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: Was making the final episode of “Better Things” like sending your last kid to college?
A: That’s a good analogy. Everybody keeps asking, “Are you sad?” But I have been through this massive transition before because two of my kids are out of the house already. When I was in the U.K. finishing the season, I wrote to all my kids and said, “I dreamt that you guys were all babies again.” So that mournful thing that you go through as a parent, it’s real.

Q: One thing I’ll miss about “Better Things” is how it captured the bone-tired, often thankless realities of motherhood alongside the beauty and intimacy of raising kids and nurturing extended family and friends. The show wasn’t centered on a conflict between family and career. Sam wasn’t desperate for a martini at the end of every episode.
A: That was the opposite of what this show was going to be. I remember when (FX marketing executive) Stephanie Gibbons pitched the key art campaign ... she’s like, “So we know about the exhausted mom with the pencil behind her ear and she’s (Adlon messes her hair then blows it out of her face with an exasperated huff) ... That’s not you. This is you,” and took out the (mock-up) of Sam face-down on the bed, with her legs on the wall. The pitch of my show wasn’t like she’s a single mom who’s trying to get away to have sex and this and that. None of that’s realistic. My friends and I could rob a bank and nobody would notice. It’s that invisibility.

Q: Aging is another theme tackled with brutal honesty throughout the series.
A: Nobody ever tells you about menopause. I sent out an email to my friends ... I was like, “Do you guys have any stories about menopause? Tell me about your experience.” My friends would write me back and say, “I’ll talk to you, but you can’t use my name. I don’t want anybody to know what I went through.” The shame. I was like, “Jesus, well, I want to know how to keep my bones strong and to keep from growing a beard and do I need to do more sit-ups?” I was able to illustrate the evolution that we go through physically from our 40s into our 50s.

Q: What makes season five feel like the end?
A: I leaned into it a little bit harder, a lot of tipping the hat and things like that. It was fun to kind of put a little punctuation mark on all the characters.

Q: Did your real-life parenting experiences influence storylines in the show, or vice versa?
A: Both. Like when Sam comes home from Chicago after she was on a plane that caught fire, there’s like (a party in the house). She goes upstairs, and Frankie’s there. She’s asks, “Why are you here? There’s like 40 people downstairs,” and Frankie’s like, “I have to read a play.” When Sam asks how much of it she’s read already, Frankie says, “Nothing.” So Sam’s like, “Jesus. I can’t even begin to tell you about my day. The plane I was on ...” But then Sam stops and says, “OK, how about I read a chapter, you read a chapter?” And they read “A Raisin in the Sun” back and forth. And that was the end of the episode.

Q: And that came from your real life?
A: Yes. It was late at night and my middle daughter, Odessa, hadn’t read “A Raisin in the Sun.” And I thought, “What if I don’t complain? What if I don’t push back because I could have been on a burning plane that day, which is the metaphor for being a parent. Being a single parent of three girls, the relentlessness ... What if I just sucked it up?” And I did that night with Odessa. Instead of letting it debilitate me, I turned it around and just started getting into the prose of “A Raisin in the Sun.” It’s now one of the great memories for me and my daughter, and I was able to put that in the show and to share that with people.

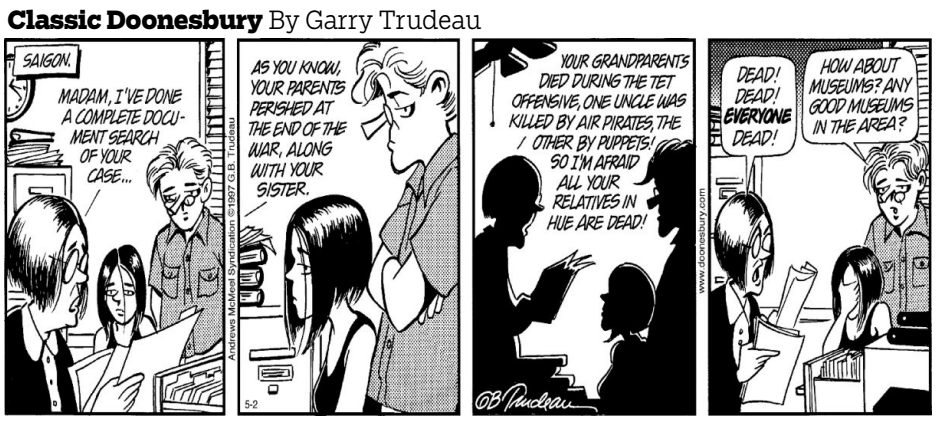
Q: How do you follow up “Better Things”?
A: I want to make more television, but I can’t talk about projects I’m working on now because they’re not official. Two years ago, I started my production company, so I have like five different series that I’m developing right now. I’m going to be directing a movie in the fall, which I’m not allowed to talk about, but I just did. I’m adapting my friend’s memoir to direct, and I’m using this time for what it’s meant to be. These are, hopefully, my golden working years.

Q: In the future, I think “Better Things” will be considered an influential series that’s changed television’s depictions of family and motherhood.
A: Oh, this is like the “Eulogy” episode. I like when Sam goes, “No, I want it now!” But yeah, that’s fine. Go ahead, enjoy our coattails.

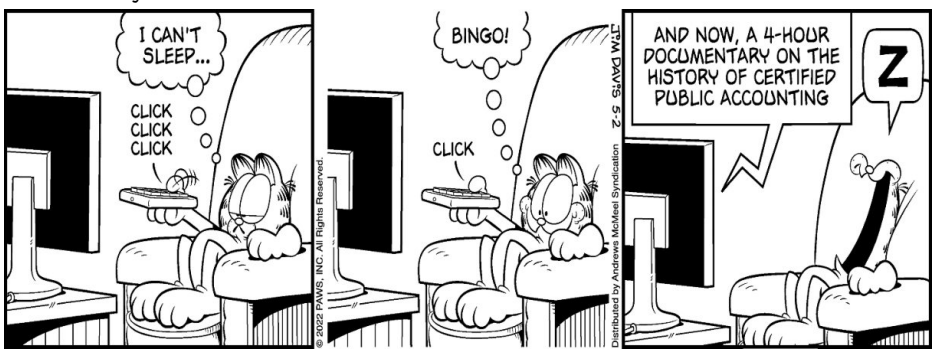
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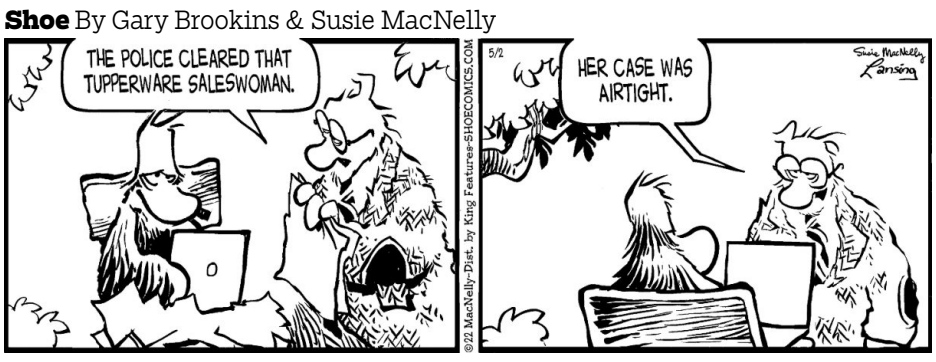
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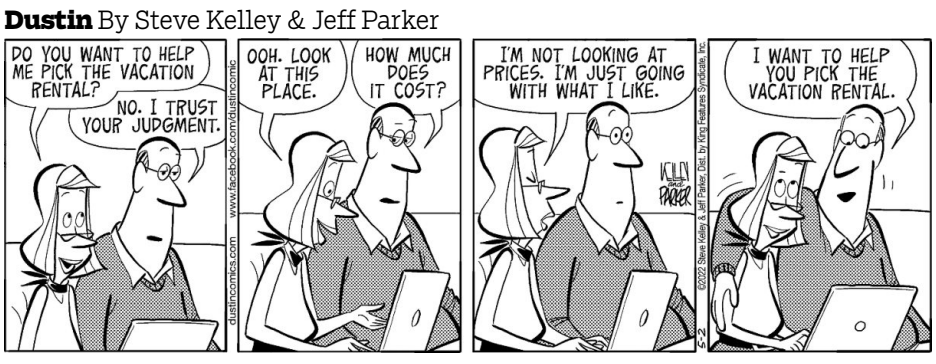
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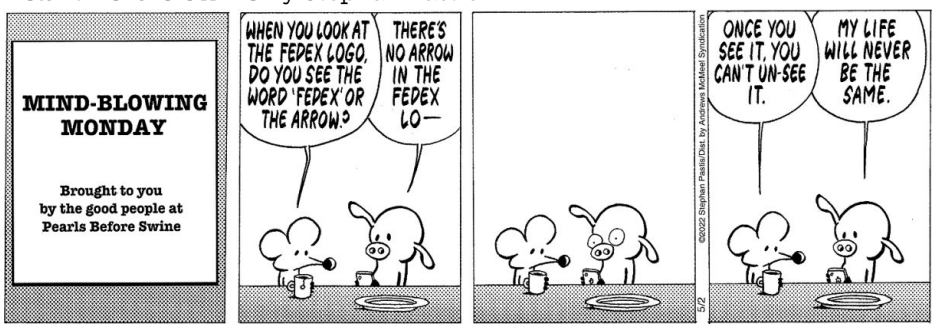
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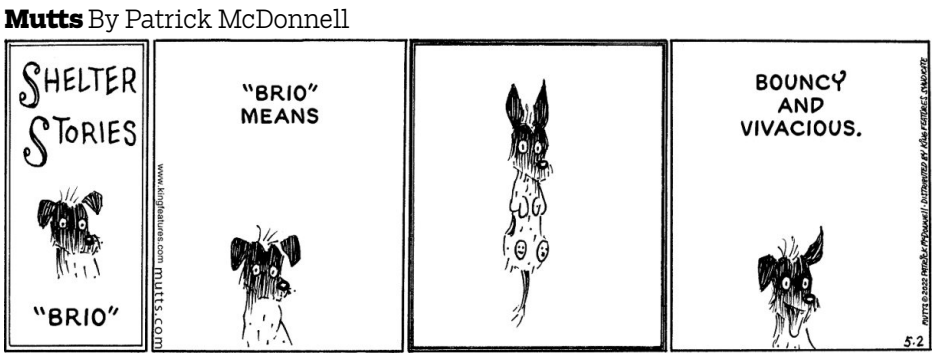
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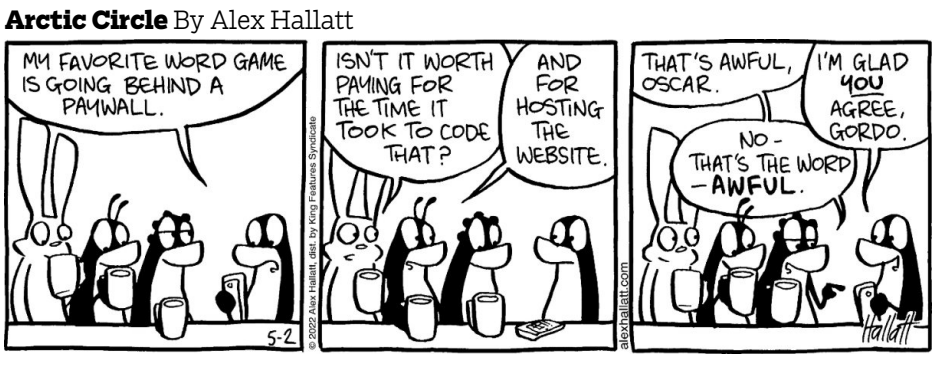
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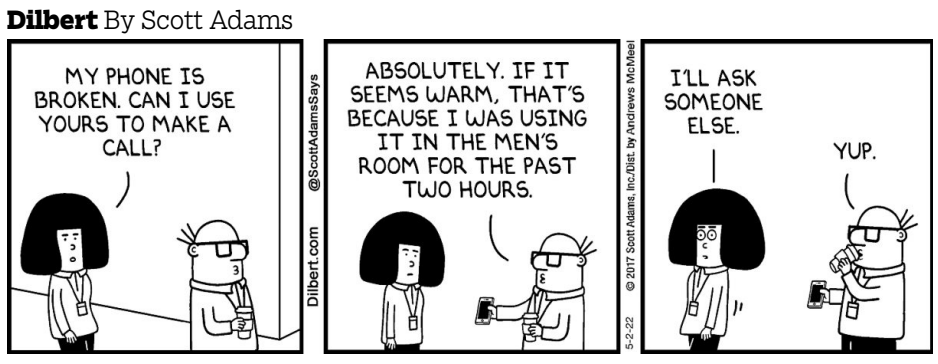
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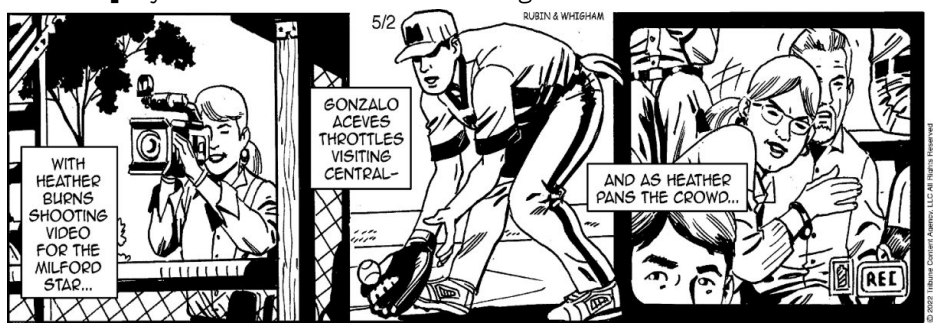
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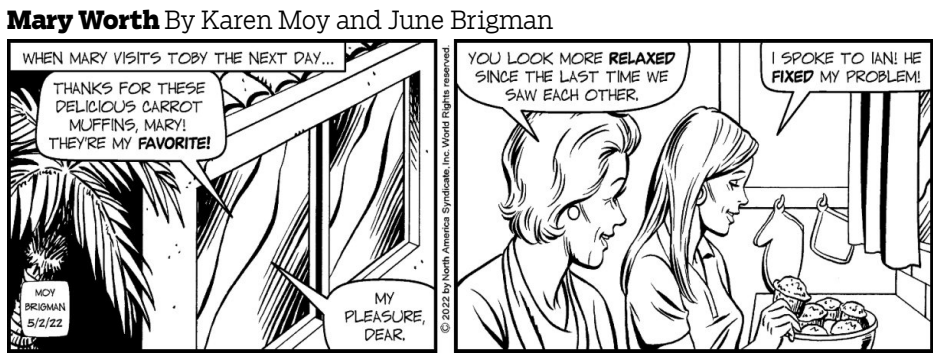
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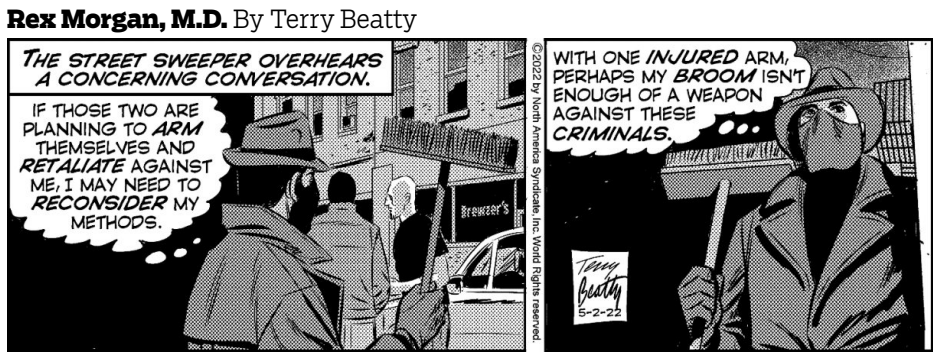
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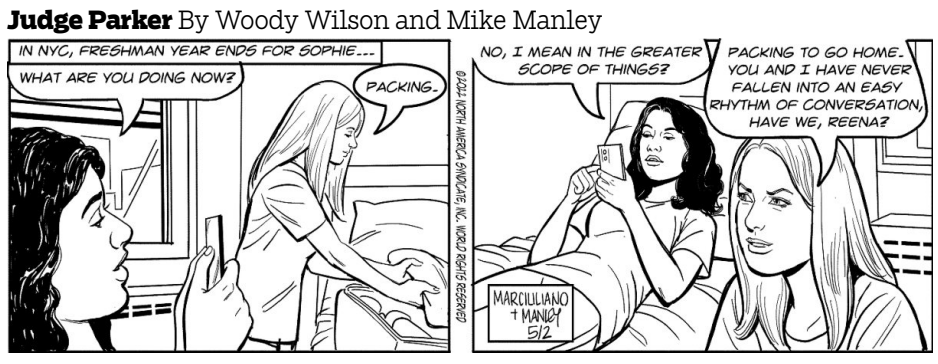
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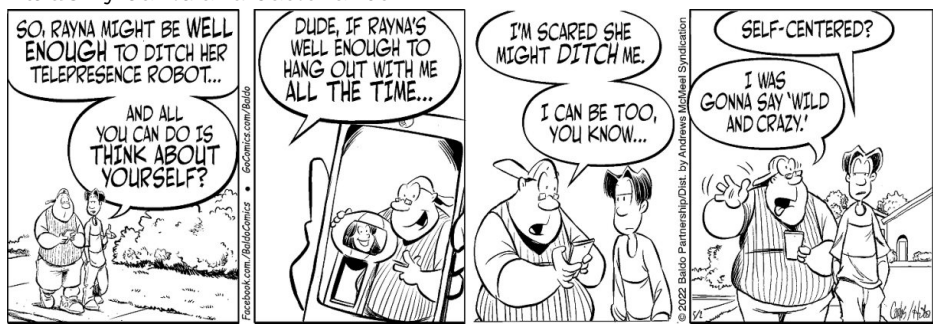
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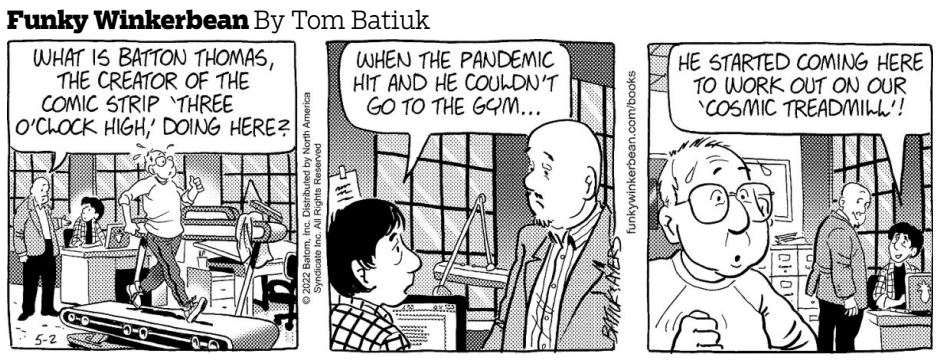
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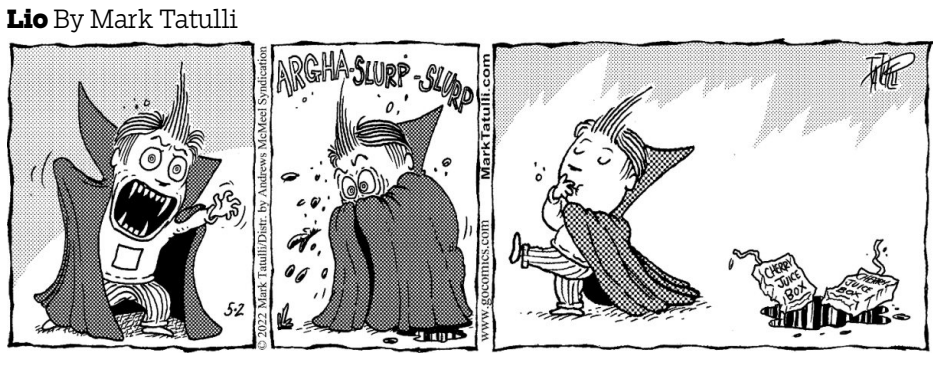
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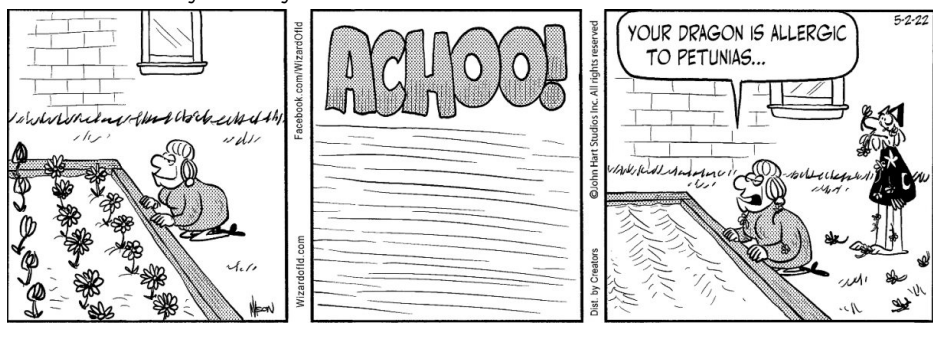
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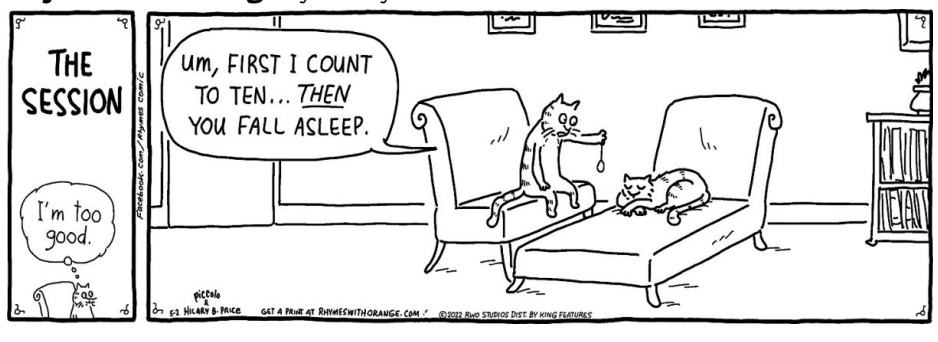
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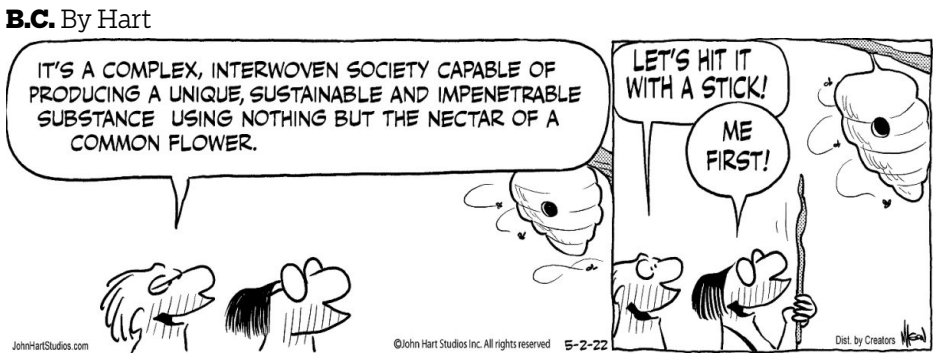
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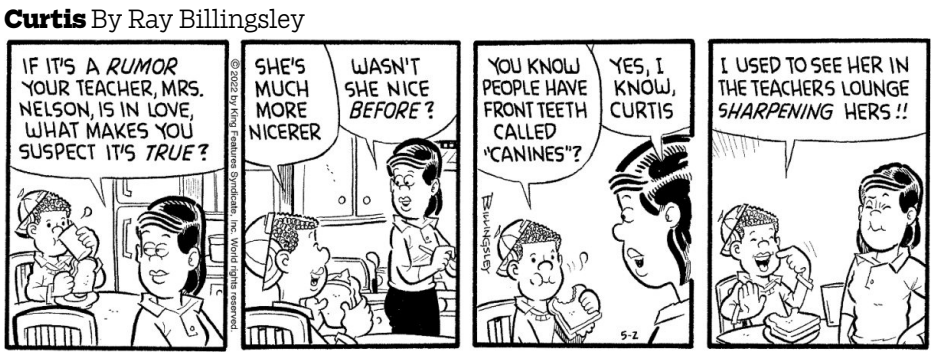
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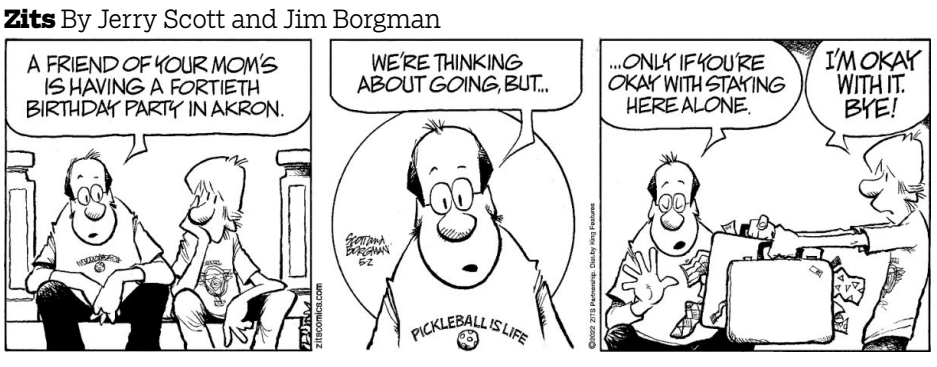
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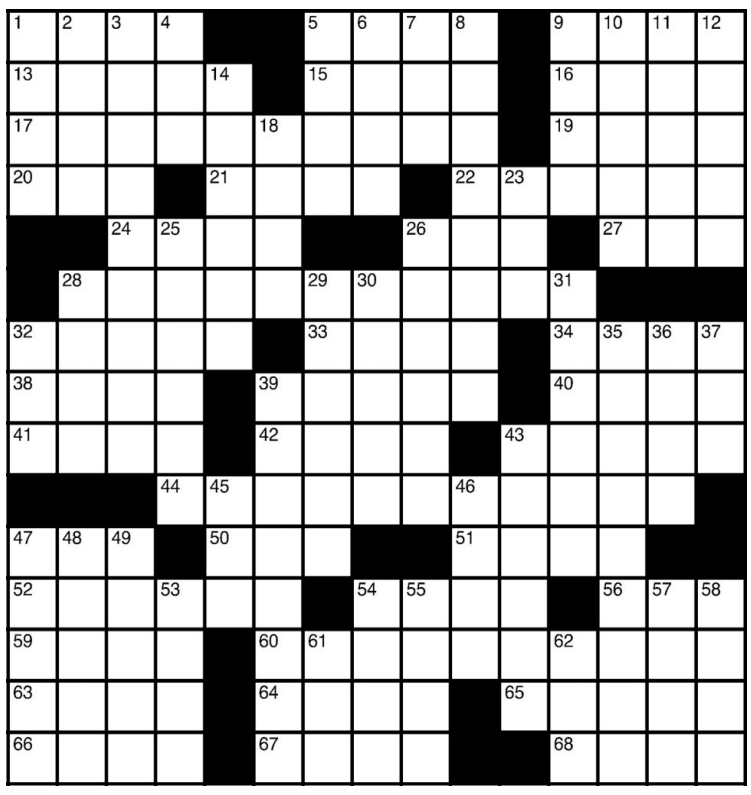
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Across

1 Former Yankee slugger, familiarly
5 Barrel of laughs
9 "Joy of Cooking" writer Rombauer
13 Take away
15 Skeleton prefix
16 Is sorry about
17 *Chilled caffeinated drink
19 __-lock brakes
20 Pt. of HDTV
21 __ facto
22 "Moby-Dick" ship
24 Slim woodwind
26 Not well
27 "Star Wars" pilot Dameron
28 *Cold War barrier
32 Blueprints
33 Orderly
34 Comply with
38 Frying liquids
39 Holy book
40 Small valley
41 Ward on "FBI"
42 Brazilian berry
43 Medicinal units
44 *Close-knit, influential group
47 Legal org.
50 Lummox
51 Peters out
52 Tearjerker featuring Anna Chlumsky in her feature-film debut
54 Ceramics oven
56 "__ the season ... "
59 Radar screen spot
60 *English name of a West African republic
63 Refrain syllables
64 Majorino of "Veronica Mars"
65 Cosmetician Lauder
66 Meadow moms
67 Affirmative votes
68 Pass (through) slowly

Down

1 In the thick of
2 Risotto grain
3 Part of the Three Musketeers' credo
4 Lemon
5 NFL officials
6 The 411
7 "__ of Girls' Things": poem by Sharon Olds
8 Metal tab that protects a shoe
9 Baghdad's country
10 Accumulate, as charges
11 "Same here!"
12 "All kidding __ ... "
14 Descendants
18 Oil cartel acronym
23 "Riverdale" actor Goree
25 Tiny potted tree
26 Slanted, as a typeface
28 1970s tennis star Nastase
29 Worldwide humanitarian gp.
30 Concrete-reinforcing rod
31 "Sorry, can't help ya"
32 Spots to buy stamps: Abbr.
35 Mid-American Conference university in Indiana
36 Actress Fanning
37 "Of course!"
39 Triteness
43 Royal son
45 Fin. neighbor
46 In a lazy way
47 Saunter
48 Internal regulation for a club
49 Nimble
53 Hoppy brews, briefly
54 Beer company based in Hawaii
55 Some nest eggs, for short
57 Words of comprehension, and a phonetic hint for the answers to the starred clues
58 Dance move
61 "C'est la __!"
62 CIA predecessor



By Robert E.L. Morris — Tribune Content Agency 5/2/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 8 7 5
♥ 10 7 6
♦ K J 10 2
♣ K Q

WEST
♠ 10 9
♥ A K J 4 2
♦ 9 8 5 4
♣ 6 3

EAST
♠ K Q 6 4 2
♥ 3
♦ 7 3
♣ J 10 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ J 3
♥ Q 9 8 5
♦ A Q 6
♣ A 9 8 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — ten of spades.

Famous Hand

This deal was played many years ago in a tournament in Vienna. It features an exceptional defensive play by West, who laid a clever trap for declarer and then had the satisfaction of watching him fall right into it. After bidding all four suits at the one-level, North-South arrived at three notrump. West decided that the best hope to defeat the contract was to find his partner with strength behind dummy's spades. So he led the spade ten, which declarer ducked to East's queen. East then shifted to a low club, taken by dummy's queen.

South had eight tricks — a spade, four diamonds and three clubs — and concluded that the best chance for a ninth lay in developing a heart trick. So at trick three, he led the ten of hearts from dummy, on which East played the three and South the five. But instead of taking the trick with the jack, West followed smoothly with the deuce!

This apparent stroke of good fortune had the desired effect on South. Convinced that East must have the jack of hearts, declarer led another heart toward his Q-9-8 in an attempt to score an overtrick.

The second heart lead met with a cordial reception from West, who proceeded to cash four heart tricks for down one. His brilliant duck of the first heart trick had lured a greedy South down the road to disaster.

Of course, declarer could have romped home with nine tricks after the ten of hearts held. But how many players would be able to resist the temptation to try for an extra trick once the heart jack was "proven" to be with East?

As for West, had he taken the first heart trick, South could not have been stopped from making the contract.

Tomorrow: Seeking the percentage play.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

KOPRE

RSEDS

SACION

ELYPES



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SLANT OFTEN SALARY GARBLE
Answer: She had tried to reach the par 5 in two shots for years. She finally did it, — AT LONG LAST

TODAY'S SUDOKU

7	2	5					3	1
1								2
					2	7		6
		4	1	9				
	9						6	
				2	8	1		
9		7	2					
6								4
3						8	5	9

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

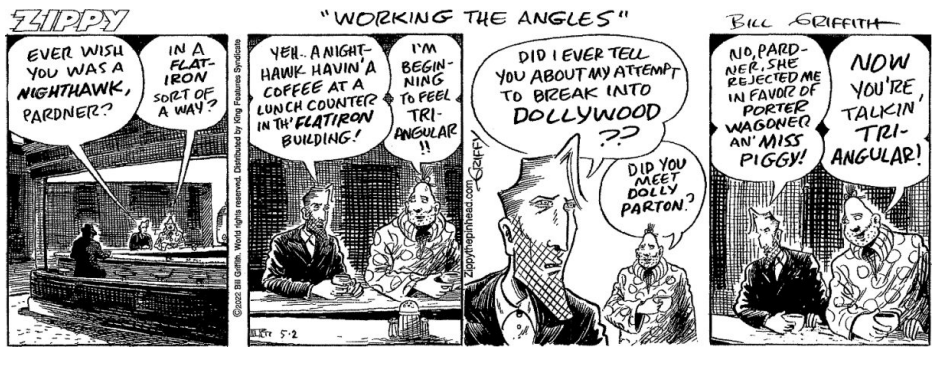
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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7	9	3	4	8	5	1	6	2
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2	1	5	7	6	3	8	9	4

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters



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YANKEES 6, ROYALS 4

Judge homers twice, Yanks win 9th straight

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Luis Severino had a good vantage point to watch Aaron Judge send a pitch 453 feet to straightaway center field in the first inning Sunday, and the Yankees starter marveled at the nearly 400-foot homer that the slugger added in the ninth.

It was the 30-foot oopsie RBI that Judge hit in between that helped get Severino off the hook for a loss.

Along with running his homer streak to three straight games, Judge drove in the tying run in the seventh on a checked swing that trundled slowly down the first-base line, helping New York rally for a 6-4 victory over the Kansas City Royals that pushed the club's winning streak to nine games.

"What can I say?" Severino asked. "The guy's a monster."

Not on that groundout, though. It traveled all of 30 feet. But

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The Yankees' Aaron Judge celebrates as he crosses the plate after hitting a solo home run in the first inning Sunday against the Royals in Kansas City, Mo. **CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP**

ORIOLES 9, RED SOX 5

O's bury Red Sox with six-run sixth

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Jordan Lyles pitched six gritty innings, Rougned Odor homered in a six-run sixth and the Baltimore Orioles beat the skidding Boston Red Sox 9-5 Sunday.

Anthony Santander had three RBIs for the Orioles, who took two of three from Boston. The Red Sox went 3-7 on a swing through Tampa Bay, Toronto and Baltimore to drop within a half-game of the last-place Orioles in the AL East.

"Tough road trip. They know it," Boston manager Alex Cora said. "There's no rah-rah speeches here. Everyone knows our record. Everybody knows what we've been through. But like I've been saying, it's not that far from turning it around.

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BRUINS

Bruins need to boost their 'inside game' vs. Hurricanes

By Kevin Paul Dupont
Boston Globe

If there is a key to beating the speedy, efficient Carolina Hurricanes, the Bruins have yet to find it this season. In their three meetings, the Hurricanes chewed up the Bruins by a collective score of 16-1, struck five times on 12 power-play chances, and held a lopsided 152:35 to 00:00 advantage in lead time.

It was, in the spirit of that old, forgotten Atlanta franchise, a total thrashing.

"They've had their way with us," said Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy following Friday night's season wrapup, a 5-2 loss, in Toronto.

The Hurricanes led the league this season in team defense, yielding only 200 goals across 82 games, 152 of those at 5-on-5, ranking second best in the league in that critical category. They also killed 88 percent of opposition power plays, also No. 1.

Perpetually in motion from the opening faceoff, the Hurricanes are fast, aggressive, nearly robotic in their execution. Perhaps most impressive of all, they are all of that from start to finish, a tribute to their coaching (Rod Brind'Amour) and the Energizer Bunny legs and discipline it takes to carry out such a demanding game plan.

So, going into Game 1 of the best-of-seven series Monday night in Raleigh, job No. 1 for the Bruins is to identify the Hurricanes' vulnerability — if there is one — and then try to exploit it.

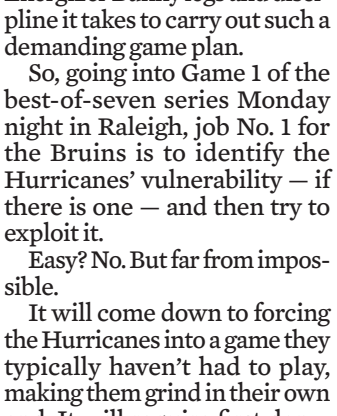
Easy? No. But far from impossible.

It will come down to forcing the Hurricanes into a game they typically haven't had to play, making them grind in their own end. It will require first denying them the ability to generate speed to break out, and in turn establishing that "inside ice" game that, quite frankly, has been a fatal Bruins bugaboo in recent playoff seasons.

In both 2018 and 2020, the Bruins were sent packing by the Lightning in Round 2, repeatedly ineffective when it came to slipping under the stout, skilled Tampa defense and landing meaningful, never mind successful, chances on netminder Andrei Vasilevskiy.

The same trap door happened in Round 2 last June

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Hurricanes right wing Andrei Svechnikov checks Bruins defenseman Charlie McAvoy into the boards in a February meeting. **CHARLES KRUPA/AP**

GAME 1 BUCKS 101, CELTICS 89



The Celtics' Jayson Tatum tries to get to the basket past the Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo on Sunday. Nothing was easy for the Celtics in Game 1 in Boston. **ADAM GLANZMAN/GETTY**

Bucks strike first, shut down Celtics

By Mark Murphy
Boston Herald

BOSTON — The Celtics did their job on Giannis Antetokounmpo, and still it wasn't enough.

Though the Bucks star had to labor for the scoring part of his triple-double (24 points, 9-for-25 shooting, 13 rebounds, 12 assists), Milwaukee was even better at mobbing and bumping Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown as the Celtics sank under duress in a 101-89 loss in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Celtics, mostly limited to 3-point attempts and long 2s by Milwaukee's drop-down coverage, were not able to come up with much as Tatum (21 points, 6 for 18) and Brown (12 points, 4 for 13, seven turnovers) struggled throughout.

As most on the Celtics conceded, they were disrupted by Milwaukee's more physical nature.

"We've got to be the harder-playing team. And tonight they had a chip on their shoulder. They came in with an edge. They were locked in," said Brown. "And they punched us in the mouth. They definitely were pressuring us and making it hard for us to get into our stuff. But as we watch, there are ways to be efficient and be effective. We will find them and we'll be a lot more aggressive when needed for the next game."

Overall the Celtics shot 33.3%, with only 10 of their 28 baskets coming inside the 3-point arc. They also fell prey to Bucks pressure, turning the ball over 18 times for 27 Milwaukee points.

"In a way, it's good to get this dud out of the way offensively," said Celtics coach Ime Udoka, who thus far has shown great ability to adjust in a playoff series.

Then again, the Bucks are on another level from the Nets defensively.

"Twenty-seven off our turnovers is way too high, especially when they score one-on-one, so got to be stronger with the ball, understand what they're going to be," said Udoka. "They're going to have five guys in the paint every time we have penetration, and so being strong with the ball and having our outlets there is the first part, I think.

"So stopping their offense and us having good offense as well, so, might have got caught up in

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SUN 94, DREAM 78

Sun defeat Dream in preseason matchup

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — Nia Clouden was met by cheers and high-fives from a group of excited veterans on the Connecticut Sun bench as she subbed out from her first stint in Sunday's preseason game against the Atlanta Dream.

"Shoot that thing, rook!" veteran guard Courtney Williams shouted as Clouden took her seat.

Clouden, a 5-foot-9 rookie guard out of Michigan State, had just drained two 3-pointers from opposite corners and scored eight points across the first and second quarters. She was one of several players trying to prove themselves deserving of a roster spot in Sunday's action at Mohegan Sun Arena, which the Sun won 94-78.

With less than a week until the start of the WNBA season, the contest provided the public its first glimpse of this year's Sun squad in action. But more than anything, it was a chance for head coach and general manager Curt Miller to evaluate players, test out different lineup combinations and continue to establish the fast-paced tempo he wants Connecticut to play with this year.

While many teams in the WNBA carry 12 players on their rosters, Miller only plans to have 11 for the Sun, who had the best regular season record in the league last year. With 15 players on the training camp roster — not including DeWanna Bonner— there will be plenty of cuts this week.

There are six players guaranteed spots: Bonner, Alyssa Thomas, Brionna Jones, Williams, Jasmine Thomas and Jonquel Jones. That leaves the remaining 10 players — Clouden, Aleksa Gulbe, Beatrice Mompremier, DiJonai Carrington, Joyner Holmes, Kaila Charles, Natisha Hiedeman, Stephanie Jones, Taj Cole and Yvonne Anderson — fighting for five roster spots.

"We've all been there, right? In that position of where once the light turn on and once your name called you've got to go out there and you've just got to show what you can do,"

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The Sun's Jonquel Jones, pictured last season, looked to be ready for the season in Sunday's preseason win over the Atlanta Dream. **PAUL BEATY/AP**

SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA Second Round vs. Bucks (Game 2), Tuesday, 7 p.m.; NBA Second Round at Bucks (Game 3), Saturday, 3:30 p.m.; NBA Second Round at Bucks (Game 4), May 9, 7:30 p.m.

Bruins: NHL First Round at Hurricanes (Game 1), Monday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round at Hurricanes (Game 2), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round vs. Hurricanes (Game 3), Friday, 7 p.m.

Rangers: NHL First Round vs. Penguins (Game 1), Tuesday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round vs. Penguins (Game 2), Thursday, 7 p.m.; NHL First Round at Penguins (Game 3), Saturday, 7 p.m.

Red Sox: Angels, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Angels, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Angels, Thursday, 1:30 p.m.

Yankees: at Blue Jays, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Blue Jays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Blue Jays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Mets: Atlanta, Monday, 7 p.m.; Atlanta (2), Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Atlanta, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Yard Goats: Binghamton, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Binghamton, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Binghamton, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Hartford Athletic: Loudoun United, Saturday, 7 p.m.; N.Y. Red Bulls II, May 14, 7 p.m.; at Tulsa, May 21, 8:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL
7 p.m.: Yankees at Blue Jays. (Live) YES. Radio: 97.9
7 p.m.: Braves at Mets. (Live) SNY MLB. Radio: 880
BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.: 76ers at Heat. (Live) TNT
10 p.m.: Mavericks at Suns. (Live) TNT
HOCKEY
7 p.m.: First Round: Bruins at Hurricanes. (Live) ESPN
7:30 p.m.: First Round: Lightning at Maple Leafs. (Live) ESPN2
9:30 p.m.: First Round: Blues at Wild. (Live) ESPN
10 p.m.: First Round: Kings at Oilers. (Live) ESPN2
SOCCER
3 p.m.: Premier League Manchester United vs Brentford. (Live) USA
SOFTBALL
7 p.m.: Tennessee at Ole Miss. (Live) SEC
TENNIS
6 a.m.: Madrid-ATP/WTA, Early Rounds. (Live) TENNIS

Bruins

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against the Islanders. While the Bruins' own backline grew increasingly porous due to injury, the Isles defenders seemed to grow only bigger and stronger. Boston forwards again were unable to produce Grade A chances on net, and the series ended in six games — one more than it took the Bolts in both '18 and '20. An extra 60 minutes. Small consolation.

"It's what you need in the playoffs," said No. 3 center Charlie Coyle prior to packing up Friday night in Toronto. "It's hard to get to the dirty areas, get inside them and create havoc down there. It's not always pretty goals. ... It's second, third and fourth efforts, tips around the net, garbage goals. ... You need to get inside and get around their net."

The Hurricanes, for all their gifts, aren't built on the backline with the kind of moxie and heft that the Bruins faced when eliminated by the Bolts and Isles.

Carolina blue liners deliver points, in abundance. Their top four producers back there, including Rangers refugee Tony DeAngelo (51 points), Jaccob Slavin (42), Brady Skjei (39) and Brett Pesce (28) combined for a 30-130—160 line across 82 games.

The Bruins, meanwhile, dressed 13 defensemen for the season, and their collective line was 31—119—150. It's pretty obvious the Hurricanes prefer to tilt the ice with their defensemen headed downhill.

It will be up to the Boston forwards first to pressure DeAngelo, Slavin, Skjei, and Pesce, be it by driving pucks to the back wall to keep possession or force turnovers, or by smart, strong puck plays in front and around the net. The Bruins will want to make this a sandpaper series, while the Hurricanes, especially on the back, will prefer a game of quick outs, fast advances, and O-zone rushes.

REGIONAL DIGEST

UConn baseball routs Butler to complete road sweep

Staff Reports

UConn broke open a close game with a nine-run seventh inning, highlighted by Casey Dana's grand slam, on the way to a 17-4 victory over Butler in a Big East baseball game Sunday afternoon in Indianapolis. The 15th-ranked Huskies (37-8, 11-1) swept the three-game weekend series against Butler (18-26-1, 2-9-1).

Dana's home run was his 10th of the season for UConn, which has won six in a row. He went 9 for 13 in the series with nine RBIs, and this coming after the right fielder needed 26 stitches in his left arm on Tuesday afternoon. Kevin Ferrer recorded his second-straight multihit game with his first home run of the season in the sixth and a two-run double in the seventh.

Enzo Stefanoni earned his sixth win of the season, giving up one earned run and striking out four in 5 ⅔ innings. Devin Kirby pitched a career-high 2 ⅓ shutout innings allowing no hits, no walks, one hit batter and striking out four.

The Huskies return home to face Creighton next weekend at Elliot Ballpark beginning Friday at 6 p.m.

Yard Goats win in 10th: Infielder Hunter Stovall drove in Niko Decolati with a single in the top of the 10th inning to lift the Hartford Yard Goats to a 3-2 victory over the Senators at FNB Field in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Hartford won four of six games on the road trip to claim its first road series victory of the season. Stoval, Ezequiel Tovar and Kyle Datres each had two hits.

Dugan Darnell retired all six batters faced to record his first Double-A win, and Will Gaddis struck out two of three batters in the 10th to earn his first save.

The game had 2:40 worth of rain delays. It was delayed 1:34 from the original starting time and then had a 1:06 delay in the top of the seventh inning.

The Yard Goats return home on Tuesday night to host the Binghamton Rumble Ponies.

The Yard Goats scored the first run in the fourth inning off Harrisburg starter Evan Lee. Ezequiel Tovar started the inning with his second triple in two nights and scored on a sacrifice fly to make it 1-0. The Senators tied tied it in the fifth inning as Dondrei Hubbard homered off Yard Goats starter reliever Fineas Del Bonta-Smith.

METS

Looking at options ahead of deadline to trim rosters

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The Mets will cut one pitcher and one position player, Manager Buck Showalter said, ahead of Monday's noon deadline to trim all major league rosters from 28 to 26 men. Depending on whom the team cuts, it will be very telling of the direction the organization wants to go with the remaining five months of the season.

General manager Billy Eppler has somewhat of a dilemma on his hands. Few players have minor league options remaining, and that's in part what the Mets, who entered Sunday tied with the Brewers for the best record in the National League, are looking at before trimming the roster.

"It's difficult," said Showalter. "It's tough because we've got good people and good players. Billy's been on this since spring training. We've been talking about it."

Dominic Smith, J.D. Davis and Luis Guillorme are the prime candidates to be demoted to Triple A because none of those three is a starting position player, and all three have options left. Out of that trio, Guillorme has performed the least, but he is also a key utility player who can move around the infield.

If the Mets decide to demote Smith, Davis or Guillorme, they can avoid designating a player for assignment (like Travis Jankowski, who has no options) and risk him being picked up by another team before clearing waivers. Jankowski has been solid for the Mets as a fifth outfielder, and it's likely he will land with another team if he's DFA'ed. But that doesn't mean the Mets won't DFA him anyway, depending on the factors they're weighing.

Showalter said the front office is looking at both the big picture and immediate concerns. While choosing 26 men who will give the Mets the best chance of winning a game is the primary objective, obvious components like bench depth will play a role, as well as intangible factors like leadership and clubhouse presence.

That's where Robinson Cano will come into play, as the veteran second baseman has struggled in the first few weeks of games. Across 12 games, Cano is hitting .195/.233/.268 with a 50 OPS+ (league average OPS+ is 100), and he's frequently behind on fastballs, his bat speed slower than the high velocity heaters he's whiffing at. But the Mets seem to be high on Cano, as Showalter on Sunday said he understands the challenges associated with being a part-time player.



Phillies DH Kyle Schwarber rounds the bases after hitting a home run as Mets starting pitcher Max Scherzer looks on in the second inning Sunday night in New York. **JESSIE ALCHEH/AP**

"I don't care how experienced you are, it's tough," the skipper said of Cano. "And I'm very empathetic to that. It's difficult for him, and I'm aware of that."

Some other not-so far-fetched ideas include trade scenarios. The Mets in spring training considered trading Smith to the Padres for starting pitching help and, flash forward a month, and now the team may need help for a bullpen that has looked thin to begin the year. It's possible the Mets could trade Smith or Davis, who are mostly contributing as rotating designated hitters, in return for a quality relief arm.

Red Sox

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"We're close, but at the end of the day, you get paid to win games. We haven't done that so far this season."

Lyles (2-2) allowed one run and seven hits, striking out six, walking three and hitting a batter. The right-hander needed 101 pitches to get through the sixth, working out of several predicaments along the way.

"For the most part, I'm pretty satisfied with six innings," Lyles said. "A couple long at-bats to start the game, a couple of innings where there were multiple guys on base, a couple to jams to get out of. But overall, six innings of one-run ball (is OK)."

Red Sox starter Nick Pivetta (0-4) blanked the Orioles until the fifth, when they pounded the righty and two relievers for five hits and three runs. Boston is 1-11 in Pivetta's last 12 starts with seven straight defeats.

Odor's first homer with the Orioles made it 4-1 shortly before a rain delay of 2 hours, 5 minutes. After play resumed, Jorge Mateo doubled in two runs, Santander added a two-run single and Ryan Mountcastle singled in a run for a 9-1 lead.



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Boston cleanup hitter J.D. Martinez, back after a three-game absence with a groin injury, delivered a grand slam off Travis Lakins in the ninth.

The Red Sox had five hits, three walks and a hit batter over the first four innings — but did not score. They stranded eight runners during that span, including three at third base.

Cora summed up Lyles' performance succinctly, noting, "He made some pitches when he had to."

Boston finally broke through in the fifth. Xander Bogaerts led off with a double, advanced on a groundout and scored on a fly ball by Frenchy Cordero.

Baltimore batted around in the bottom half. Tyler Nevin hit a two-run single and Santander added a sacrifice fly on a deep fly ball to left field with the bases loaded.

The drive would have been a grand slam a year ago, before the fence in left at Camden Yards was moved back 26 ½ feet.

With the game out of hand and his bullpen depleted, Cora called upon catcher Kevin Plawecki to pitch the eighth inning. He gave up an infield hit before getting three straight outs.

Cora rested two of his struggling stars, Alex Verdugo and Bobby Dalbec, with the hope that two straight days off (Boston does not play Monday) will help them get back on track.

Verdugo — who started in left field in each of Boston's first 22 games — was batting .238 after going 4 for 29 (.138) over the past week. Dalbec was at .147 following a 6-for-49 (.122) stretch over 15 games in which he failed to homer and drove in just two runs.

Yankees

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certainly on the two homers, which combined to travel nearly the length of three football fields. They gave Judge five in his last five games and eight on the season.

"I mean, the way he cleaned that first one out, man — it's hard to hit one more pure," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said.

Josh Donaldson drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh on a fielder's choice. Clarke Schmidt (2-2) pitched a scoreless inning in relief to earn the win, then was optioned to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre afterward. Aroldis Chapman left the tying run on base in the ninth to earn his sixth save on the year and 20th in a row.

"Everyone came in and contributed," Boone said. "We didn't break it open, but everyone had a hand in there."

The Yankees, riding the longest winning streak in the majors, improved to 16-6. It's only the fourth time since 1959 that the 27-time World Series champions have won at least 16 of their first 22 games.

Michael Taylor homered for Kansas City, which has lost eight of its last 10.

The Royals looked as if they might avoid the sweep when Nicky Lopez, Whit Merrifield and Andrew Benintendi loaded the bases in the third inning. Severino's wild pitch allowed Lopez to score from third, and after Salvador Perez hit into a fielder's choice, Carlos Santana snuck a two-out double down the right-field line to give Kansas City a 3-1 lead.

The Royals added another run in the fourth thanks in part to an error on third baseman DJ LeMahieu, the Yankees' second in as many days. Prior to that, they had gone 13 straight games without committing one.

LeMahieu, atoning for his miscue, and Isiah Kiner-Falefa each drove in a run to get the Yankees within 4-3, and Judge and Donaldson completed the comeback in the seventh, before the tack-on homer in the ninth.

"The seventh has been the inning that has been biting us pretty hard," Royals manager Mike Matheny said.

Schmidt was optioned along with left fielder Miguel Andujar, who went 2 for 4 and scored a run for New York. "It's a real tough pill to swallow," Schmidt said. "It's a tough part of the game, but it's a business also."

Trainer's room

Yankees: OF Joey Gallo was out of the lineup after leaving Saturday night's game with tightness in his left groin, though the injury is not considered serious. "I wanted to keep playing," Gallo said, "but I think it's just the smart move."

Royals: C Cam Gallagher left the game with a strained left hamstring. ... 3B Bobby Witt Jr. was removed from the starting lineup an hour before first pitch. He was hit on the wrist by a pitch Saturday night. "He's sore," Matheny said.

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it a little bit. We're guarding in a way and things are getting called maybe not as evenly at times, so we've just got to play through that. It's the playoffs, so we've got to understand the physicality, and the level is going to go up."

Antetokounmpo punctuated this painful afternoon with 2:11 left when tossed the ball off the backboard from 5 feet out, grabbed the carom and dunked for a 101-87 lead. The Bucks, though never leading by more than 17 points, seemed to progressively be in command.

"He made a hell of a play. We've just got to be more solid," Tatum said of the Antetokounmpo dunk, which preserved a sizable cushion after Milwaukee opened up space earlier in the quarter with a 12-3 run.

The Celtics, who missed their first five shots of the fourth — four of those open 3-point attempts by Payton Pritchard — didn't make a basket in the quarter until Al Horford's 3-pointer with 8:15 left.

"There's a lot of things we can take away from this," said Tatum. "The series is not won or lost off of one game, especially not Game 1. Give them credit. They were the better team today. They played better than we did, and they deserved to win. Watch film, get your body right and get ready for Game 2. Play better. It's as simple as that."

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	16	6	.727	—	—	9-1	W-9	10-3	6-3
Toronto	15	8	.652	1 ½	—	7-3	W-2	9-4	6-4
Tampa Bay	12	10	.545	4	—	6-4	L-2	9-7	3-3
Boston	9	14	.391	7 ½	3 ½	3-7	L-2	3-4	6-10
Baltimore	8	14	.364	8	4	4-6	W-2	5-4	3-10

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	13	9	.591	—	—	9-1	W-2	8-4	5-5
Cleveland	10	12	.455	3	2	3-7	W-3	3-3	7-9
Chicago	8	13	.381	4 ½	3 ½	2-8	L-1	6-6	2-7
Kansas City	7	13	.350	5	4	2-8	L-3	5-8	2-5
Detroit	7	14	.333	5 ½	4 ½	3-7	L-1	4-8	3-6

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	15	8	.652	—	—	7-3	W-1	8-5	7-3
Seattle	12	10	.545	2 ½	—	5-5	W-1	7-2	5-8
Houston	11	11	.500	3 ½	1	5-5	L-2	2-4	9-7
Oakland	10	12	.455	4 ½	2	3-7	L-3	4-6	6-6
Texas	8	14	.364	6 ½	4	5-5	W-2	4-9	4-5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	15	7	.682	—	—	6-4	L-1	6-3	9-4
Miami	12	9	.571	2 ½	1 ½	8-2	L-1	6-4	6-5
Philadelphia	11	11	.500	4	3	7-3	W-1	8-5	3-6
Atlanta	10	13	.435	5 ½	4 ½	4-6	L-2	6-7	4-6
Washington	8	16	.333	8	7	2-8	W-1	3-11	5-5

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	15	8	.652	—	—	7-3	L-1	7-4	8-4
St. Louis	12	9	.571	2	1 ½	5-5	W-1	6-5	6-4
Chicago	9	13	.409	5 ½	5	3-7	W-1	4-6	5-7
Pittsburgh	9	13	.409	5 ½	5	4-6	L-1	5-7	4-6
Cincinnati	3	19	.136	11 ½	11	1-9	L-6	1-7	2-12

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	14	7	.667	—	—	6-4	W-1	8-2	6-5
San Diego	15	8	.652	—	—	7-3	W-1	6-4	9-4
San Francisco	14	8	.636	½	—	6-4	L-1	6-5	8-3
Colorado	13	9	.591	1 ½	1	5-5	W-3	9-4	4-5
Arizona	10	13	.435	5	4 ½	5-5	L-1	5-7	5-6

BOX SCORES

MINNESOTA 9, TAMPA BAY 3

Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Buxton cf	5	2	2	1	2	.283
Correa ss	4	2	2	0	0	.256
Garlick dh	1	1	1	1	0	.238
1-Larnach pr-dh	3	1	2	1	0	.288
Polanco 2b	5	1	2	4	1	.195
Urshela 3b	5	0	0	0	1	.258
Kepler rf	4	1	1	1	1	.257
Sanchez c	5	0	1	1	3	.200
Celestino lf	4	1	2	0	0	.261
Arraez 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.299
TOTALS	**40**	**9**	**13**	**9**	**8**	
Tampa Bay	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
B.Lowe 2b	4	1	1	0	2	.181
Margot dh	4	1	1	1	1	.254
Arozarena lf	4	0	2	1	0	.210
J.Lowe rf	4	1	1	0	3	.188
Ramirez 1b	4	0	1	0	2	.333
Walls ss	4	0	1	1	0	.256
Paredes 3b	4	0	1	0	1	.250
Phillips cf	3	0	0	0	0	.194
Pinto c	3	0	0	0	1	.250
TOTALS	**34**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**10**	

Minnesota	**500**	**100**	**210**	**—**	**9**	**13**	**0**
Tampa Bay	**000**	**000**	**120**	**—**	**3**	**8**	**1**

1-ran for Garlick in the 3rd.
E: Walls (5). **LOB:** Minnesota 7, Tampa Bay 5. **2B:** Polanco 2(5), Kepler (3), Larnach (7), Arozarena 2(8), J.Lowe (3), Walls (2), B.Lowe (3).
HR: Buxton (7), off Fleming.
RBIs: Garlick (6), Polanco 4(12), Kepler (12), Sanchez (9), Buxton (12), Larnach (7), Walls (3), Margot (8), Arozarena (5).
Runners left in scoring position: Minnesota 4(Polanco, Sanchez 2, Buxton); Tampa Bay 3(Phillips, Ramirez 2). **RISP:** Minnesota 6for 14; Tampa Bay 3for 9.
GIDP: Celestino, Pinto.
DP: Minnesota 1(Polanco, Correa, Arraez); Tampa Bay 1(B.Lowe, Walls, Ramirez).

MINNESOTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Winder, W, 1-0	6	2	0	0	1	7	2.20
Duffey	1	3	1	1	0	1	5.62
Sands	2	3	2	2	0	2	9.00
TAMPA BAY	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Fleming, L, 2-3	3⅔	5	6	5	3	1	6.32
Dugger	5⅓	8	3	3	0	7	5.06

WP: Dugger.
Umpires: Home, Ryan Additon; First, Mark Carlson; Second, Chris Guccione; Third, Jordan Baker.
T: 2:53. **A:** 14,830(25,000).

WASHINGTON 11, SAN FRANCISCO 5

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
C.Hernandez 2b	4	2	1	0	1	.272
Soto rf	5	3	3	0	1	.262
Cruz dh	4	1	0	1	0	.148
Bell 1b	3	1	0	0	1	.351
Y.Hernandez lf	4	2	3	5	0	.340
Thomas lf	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Franco 3b	5	0	0	0	0	.264
Ruiz c	4	1	1	0	0	.239
Robles cf	4	0	2	1	2	.259
Fox ss	5	1	2	1	1	.080
TOTALS	**38**	**11**	**12**	**8**	**6**	
San Francisco	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Gonzalez cf	4	1	1	1	2	.276
Ruf rf	4	0	1	1	1	.181
Flores dh	4	1	0	1	0	.267
Crawford ss	4	0	0	0	1	.224
Ford 1b	4	0	1	2	0	.250
Estrada 2b	4	1	1	0	1	.235
Vosler 3b	4	1	1	0	0	.286
Krizan lf	3	0	1	0	2	.125
Bart c	2	1	0	0	1	.205
TOTALS	**33**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**8**	

Washington	**500**	**002**	**130**	**—**	**11**	**12**	**0**
San Francisco	**000**	**000**	**500**	**—**	**5**	**6**	**1**

E: Vosler (1). **LOB:** Washington 8, San Francisco 8. **2B:** Y.Hernandez 2(6).
RBIs: Y.Hernandez 5(12), Fox (2), Cruz (12), Robles (9), Gonzalez (7), Ruf (4), Flores (13), Ford 2(2).
SB: Fox (1), Soto (2), Ruf (2). **SF:** Cruz.
Runners left in scoring position: Washington 4(Soto 2, C.Hernandez, Ruiz); San Francisco 5(Ruf 2, Estrada, Gonzalez, Crawford). **RISP:** Washington 4for 15; San Francisco 2for 9. **Runners moved up:** Ruiz. **GIDP:** Franco. **DP:** San Francisco 1(Vosler, Estrada, Ford).

WASHINGTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gray, W, 3-2	6	1	0	0	4	3	3.12
Arano	⅓	3	4	4	1	1	4.76
Finnegan	⅓	0	1	1	2	0	5.19
Cishek, H, 3	1⅓	1	0	0	0	2	6.00
Rainey	1	1	0	0	0	2	0.00
SAN FRANCISCO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Cobb, L, 1-1	⅔	4	5	1	3	0	5.40
Long	2⅓	1	0	0	2	1	1.00
Garcia	1⅔	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
Marte	1⅓	2	2	2	0	1	7.04
Beede	1	2	1	1	0	0	3.24
McGee	1	2	3	3	2	0	5.87
Doval	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.61

Pitches-Strikes: Gray 93-50; Arano 20-11; Finnegan 16-8; Cishek 15-12; Rainey 13-10; Cobb 40-22; Long 38-22; García 23-15; Marte 25-18; Beede 13-12; McGee 22-12; Doval 14-10.
Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Gray 5-2; Arano 1-0; Finnegan 1-0; Cishek 1-0; Rainey 0-1; Cobb 5-1; Long 5-1; García 2-1; Marte 2-1; Beede 4-0; McGee 1-1; Doval 0-0.
Batters Faced: Gray 23; Arano 5; Finnegan 3; Cishek 5; Rainey 4; Cobb 10; Long 9; García 6; Marte 6; Beede 5; McGee 7; Doval 3.
Inherited runners-scored: Finnegan 3-2, Cishek 3-2, Long 3-0, Marte 1-0.
IBB: off McGee (Bell).
WP: Gray, Long, Marte.
Umpires: Home, Ben May; First, Dan Iassogna; Second, Scott Barry; Third, Adam Beck.
T: 3:37. **A:** 38,451(41,915).

L.A. ANGELS 6, CHI. WHITE SOX 5

LA Angels	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Ward rf	4	2	2	0	0	.400
Trout cf	2	3	2	1	0	.344
Ohtani dh	3	0	0	1	0	.228
a-Mayfield dh	1	0	1	1	0	.303
Rendon 3b	3	0	1	1	0	.225
Adell lf	5	0	1	1	1	.242
Walsh 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.230
Stassi c	4	1	1	0	2	.229
Fletcher 2b	2	0	0	0	0	.182
Velazquez ss	4	0	1	1	1	.152
TOTALS	**32**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**6**	
White Sox	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Anderson ss	5	1	3	1	0	.333
Robert cf	5	0	2	0	1	.211
Grandal dh	3	0	0	0	0	.161
1-Engel pr	0	0	0	0	0	.194
Abreu 1b	4	1	1	1	0	.219
Sheets rf	4	1	2	0	0	.235
Pollock lf	4	0	1	0	0	.233
Garcia 2b	4	1	1	2	1	.118
McGuire c	4	0	0	0	1	.135
Harrison 3b	4	1	2	1	0	.171
TOTALS	**37**	**5**	**12**	**5**	**3**	

L.A. Angels	**102**	**100**	**002**	**—**	**6**	**9**	**0**
Chi white Sox	**000**	**000**	**005**	**—**	**5**	**12**	**0**

a-singled for Ohtani in the 9th. 1-ran for Grandal in the 9th.
LOB: Los Angeles 9, Chicago 9.
2B: Trout (7), Velazquez (2), Adell (4), Sheets (2), Garcia (2), Harrison (3).
HR: Trout (6), off Keuchel.
RBIs: Trout (11), Ohtani (12), Rendon (9), Velazquez (3), Mayfield (4), Adell (9), Garcia 2(3), Harrison (2), Anderson (8), Abreu (7). **SF:** Rendon.
Runners left in scoring position: Los Angeles 5(Adell, Ohtani 2, Walsh 2); Chicago 3(Pollock, Sheets 2).
RISP: Los Angeles 3for 12; ChW 3for 9.
Runners moved up: Ohtani 2, Abreu.
GIDP: Adell, Ohtani, Velazquez, Robert, Sheets.
DP: Los Angeles 2(Velazquez, Fletcher, Walsh; Fletcher, Velazquez, Walsh); Chicago 3(Harrison, Garcia, Abreu; Garcia, Abreu; Anderson, Abreu).

LA ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Lorenzen, W, 3-1	8⅓	9	3	3	2	2	3.04
Iglesias	⅓	3	2	2	1	1	2.79
Tepera, S, 1-2	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	1.64
WHITE SOX	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Keuchel, L, 1-3	5	6	4	4	5	1	8.40
Burr	1	0	0	0	2	2	4.50
Ruiz	1	0	0	0	1	1	2.35
Banks	1⅓	2	2	2	1	1	1.29
Foster	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	0.90

Inherited runners-scored: Iglesias 1-1, Tepera 3-0, Ruiz 2-0, Foster 2-1.
IBB: off Keuchel (Trout).
HBP: Iglesias (Abreu). **WP:** Banks.
Umpires: Home, Dan Bellino; First, Sean Barber; Second, David Rackley; Third, Larry Vanover.
T: 3:15. **A:** 27,664(40,615).

BALTIMORE 9, BOSTON 5

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Story 2b	2	1	0	0	2	.217
Devers 3b	5	1	2	0	1	.299
Bogaerts ss	4	2	1	0	1	.369
Martinez dh	5	1	3	4	0	.305
Cordero 1b	3	0	1	1	0	.143
Hernandez cf	4	0	1	0	1	.195
Bradley Jr. rf	4	0	0	0	0	.147
Vazquez c	4	0	1	0	0	.220
J.Davis lf	4	0	2	0	2	.500
TOTALS	**35**	**5**	**11**	**5**	**7**	
Baltimore	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Mullins cf	5	0	2	0	0	.221
Santander rf	3	1	2	3	0	.243
a-McKenna rf	1	0	1	0	0	.263
Mountcastle dh	3	0	1	1	1	.250
b-Gutierrez dh	1	0	0	0	0	.143
Hays lf	5	0	0	0	2	.275
Odor 2b	5	2	2	1	1	.200
Urias 3b	3	2	1	0	0	.200
Nevin 1b	2	2	1	2	0	.111
Bemboom c	3	1	1	0	2	.148
Mateo ss	4	1	2	2	0	.246
TOTALS	**35**	**9**	**13**	**9**	**6**	

Boston	**000**	**010**	**004**	**—**	**5**	**11**	**1**
Baltimore	**000**	**036**	**00x**	**—**	**9**	**13**	**0**

a-singled for Santander in the 8th. b-flied out for Mountcastle in the 8th. **E:** Cordero (1). **LOB:** Boston 10, Baltimore 8. **2B:** Vazquez (1), Bogaerts (8), Cordero (1), Urias (3), Mateo (5).
HR: Martinez (2), off Lakins Sr.; Odor (1), off Crawford. **RBIs:** Cordero (1), Martinez 4(12), Nevin 2(2), Santander 3 (11), Odor (6), Mateo 2(5), Mountcastle (9). CS: Mullins (2), Santander (2).
SF: Cordero, Santander. **Runners left in scoring position:** Boston 5(Vazquez, Bradley Jr. 2, Cordero, Story); Baltimore 4(Hays 2, Odor, Mullins). **RISP:** Boston 2for 10; Baltimore 5for 13.
Runners moved up: Martinez, Bradley Jr.. **GIDP:** Bogaerts, Devers. **DP:** Boston 1(Vazquez, Story, Vazquez); Baltimore 2(Mateo, Nevin; Urias, Odor, Nevin).

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Pivetta, L, 0-4	4⅓	6	3	3	0	5	7.84
A.Davis	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	2.79
Sawamura	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.45
Crawford	0	1	2	2	1	0	11.57
Valdez	2	4	4	4	2	1	6.10
Plawecki	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
BALTIMORE	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Lyles, W, 2-2	6	7	1	1	3	6	4.50
Lakins Sr.	2⅓	4	4	4	1	1	9.72
Krehbiel	⅔	0	0	0	0	0	0.90

Crawford pitched to 2batters in the 6th
Inherited runners-scored: A.Davis 2-1, Sawamura 3-0, Valdez 1-1.
IBB: off A.Davis (Mountcastle).
HBP: Lyles (Hernandez), Valdez (Nevin), Lakins Sr. (Bogaerts).
Umpires: Home, Ryan Blakney; First, Marvin Hudson; Second, Adrian Johnson; Third, John Tumpane.
T: 3:19. **A:** 19,117(45,971).

N.Y. YANKEES 6, KANSAS CITY 4

NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
LeMahieu 1b-2b	4	0	1	1	0	.299
Judge rf	5	2	2	3	2	.300
Donaldson 3b	3	0	1	1	0	.208
Stanton dh	4	0	1	0	1	.256
Torres 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.222
Trevino c	0	0	0	0	0	.208
Hicks cf	4	0	0	0	2	.283
Andujar lf	4	1	2	0	0	.400
2-Locastro pr-lf	0	0	0	0	0	.154
Kiner-Falefa ss	3	2	1	1	1	.303
Higashioka c	2	0	0	0	0	.136
b-Rizzo ph-1b	1	1	0	0	1	.269
TOTALS	**34**	**6**	**8**	**6**	**7**	
Kansas City	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Lynch p-p	0	0	0	0	0	---
Lopez ss	5	1	2	0	0	.234
Merrifield 2b	4	0	2	0	1	.159
Benintendi lf	4	1	1	0	1	.366
Perez dh-c	4	0	0	0	1	.195
Santana 1b	4	0	1	1	1	.136
Rivera 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.000
Isbel rf	4	1	1	0	1	.231
Staumont p	0	0	0	0	0	---
Taylor cf	4	1	2	1	1	.208
Gallagher c	1	0	1	0	0	.313
1-O'Hearn pr	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Clarke p	0	0	0	0	0	---
a-Olivares ph	1	0	1	0	0	.300
Coleman p	0	0	0	0	0	---
Barlow p	0	0	0	0	0	---
Dozier rf	1	0	0	0	0	.239
TOTALS	**36**	**4**	**11**	**2**	**8**	

N.Y. Yankees	**100**	**020**	**201**	**—**	**6**	**8**	**1**
Kansas City	**003**	**100**	**000**	**—**	**4**	**11**	**0**

a-singled for Clarke in the 6th. b-hit by pitch for Higashioka in the 7th. 1-ran for Gallagher in the 4th. 2-ran for Andujar in the 8th.
E: Donaldson (2).
LOB: New York 7, Kansas City 8.
2B: Kiner-Falefa (5), Benintendi (2), Santana (2).
HR: Judge (7), off Lynch; Judge (8), off Staumont; Taylor (2), off Severino.
RBIs: Judge 3(16), Kiner-Falefa (7), LeMahieu (9), Donaldson (6), Taylor (6), Santana (6).
CS: Olivares (1). **S:** Gallagher.
Runners left in scoring position: New York 1(Andujar); Kansas City 5 (Benintendi 2, Rivera 2, Perez). **RISP:** New York 1for 8; Kansas City 1for 10. **Runners moved up:** Judge. **GIDP:** Torres, Perez. **DP:** New York 1(Donaldson, LeMahieu, Rizzo); Kansas City 1 (Lopez, Merrifield, Santana).

NY YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Severino	5	7	4	3	1	4	3.75
Schmidt, W, 2-2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.08
Luetge, H, 2	⅓	2	0	0	0	1	4.70
King, H, 3	1⅔	0	0	0	0	2	0.61
Chapman, S, 6-6	1	1	0	0	1	0	0.00
KANSAS CITY	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Lynch	5	4	3	3	1	4	3.86
Clarke, H, 1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1.00
Coleman, L, 0-1	0	0	2	2	2	0	8.59
Barlow, BS, 1-2	2	1	0	0	1	1	1.59
Staumont	1	1	1	1	1	2	4.50

Inherited runners-scored: King 2-0, Barlow 3-2. IBB: off Barlow (Stanton).
HBP: Coleman (Rizzo). **WP:** Severino, Barlow. **Umpires:** Home, Jeff Nelson; First, Manny Gonzalez; Second, CB Bucknor; Third, Stu Scheuwater. **T:** 3:23. **A:** 19,704(37,903).

CHI. CUBS 2, MILWAUKEE 0

Chi Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Rivas 1b	3	1	1	0	2	.429
Suzuki rf	4	0	1	1	1	.278
Happ lf	3	0	0	0	0	.303
Schwindel dh	4	0	0	0	3	.211
Wisdom 3b	4	1	1	1	2	.243
Heyward cf	4	0	0	0	1	.244
Hoerner ss	4	0	1	0	1	.279
Gomes c	3	0	0	0	0	.207
Madrigal 2b	3	0	1	0	2	.210
TOTALS	**32**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**12**	
Milwaukee	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Wong 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.200
Adames ss	3	0	1	0	1	.230
Yelich lf	4	0	0	0	1	.218
McCutchen dh	4	0	0	0	1	.221
Tellez 1b	1	0	0	0	0	.231
Renfroe rf	3	0	0	0	1	.244
Narvaez c	3	0	1	0	0	.250
1-Brosseau pr	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Jackson c	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Taylor cf	3	0	1	0	1	.205
Peterson 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.159
TOTALS	**28**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**9**	

Chi. Cubs	**000**	**011**	**000**	**—**	**2**	**5**	**0**
Milwaukee	**000**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**0**	**3**	**1**

1-ran for Narvaez in the 8th.
E: Peterson (1). **LOB:** Chicago 5, Milwaukee 4.
2B: Suzuki (6), Taylor (5).
HR: Wisdom (4), off Burnes.
RBIs: Wisdom (14), Suzuki (15).
Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 3(Schwindel 3); Milwaukee 3 (Wong, McCutchen, Peterson).
RISP: Chicago 0for 4; Milwaukee 0for 5.
Runners moved up: Yelich.
GIDP: Yelich, Renfroe.
DP: Chicago 2(Madrigal, Wisdom, Rivas; Hoerner, Madrigal, Rivas).

CHI CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Stroman, W, 1-3	7	2	0	0	1	5	5.13
Wick, H, 2	⅔	1	0	0	1	1	1.23
Robertson, S, 5-5	1⅓	0	0	0	1	3	0.00
MILWAUKEE	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Burnes, L, 1-1	7	4	2	2	1	10	1.93
Suter	⅔	1	0	0	1	0	5.40
Gustave	1⅓	0	0	0	0	2	3.24

Inherited runners-scored: Robertson 2-0, Gustave 2-0.
Umpires: Home, Chad Whitson; First, Edwin Moscoso; Second, Malachi Moore; Third, Hunter Wendelstedt.
T: 2:43. **A:** 35,137(41,900).

SEATTLE 7, MIAMI 3

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Frazier 2b	4	1	2	0	1	.250
France 1b	4	1	1	0	2	.333
Winker lf	5	1	3	2	0	.197
Suarez 3b	5	0	0	0	2	.215
Crawford ss	3	2	2	1	0	.372
Toro dh	3	1	1	1	0	.164
Rodriguez cf	4	1	3	3	0	.234
Kelenic rf	3	0	0	0	2	.141
a-Moore ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	.250
Murphy c	2	0	0	0	2	.357
TOTALS	**34**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**9**	
Miami	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Berti 2b-3b	4	1	2	0	1	.360
Cooper 1b	4	0	2	0	1	.274
Soler lf	5	1	2	2	1	.185
Sanchez cf	4	0	0	0	2	.267
Garcia dh	5	0	1	0	2	.194
Anderson rf	4	1	1	1	1	.269
Wendle 3b	4	0	1	0	0	.300
Henry c	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Rojas ss	4	0	0	0	0	.164
Stallings c	3	0	0	0	0	.179
b-Chshlm Jr. 2b	1	0	1	0	0	.310
TOTALS	**38**	**3**	**10**	**3**	**8**	

Seattle	**010**	**103**	**002**	**—**	**7**	**12**	**2**
Miami	**000**	**001**	**101**	**—**	**3**	**10**	**0**

a-flied out for Kelenic in the 8th. b-singled for Stallings in the 8th.
E: France (1), Crawford (5).
LOB: Seattle 6, Miami 12.
2B: Winker (3), Crawford (6), Wendle (6).
HR: Crawford (4), off Alcantara; Rodriguez (1), off Alcantara; Anderson (1), off Gilbert; Soler (3), off Festa.
RBIs: Crawford (10), Toro (6), Rodriguez 3(9), Winker 2(8), Anderson (2), Soler 2 (8). CS: Frazier (1).
Runners left in scoring position: Seattle 1(Rodriguez); Miami 6(Cooper, Soler, Anderson 2, Rojas, Garcia).
RISP: Seattle 4for 8; Miami 2for 9. LI**DP:** Winker.
GIDP: Suarez. **DP:** Miami 2(Berti, Cooper, Berti; Wendle, Berti, Cooper).

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gilbert, W, 4-0	5⅔	3	1	1	4	5	0.64
Swanson	⅓	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Munoz	1	4	1	1	0	1	3.38
Steckenrider, H, 3	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.12
Festa	1	1	1	1	0	1	4.91
MIAMI	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Alcantara, L, 2-1	5⅔	6	5	5	4	6	2.90
Okert	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	1.50
Head	1	2	0	0	1	1	0.00
Bleier	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.06
Pop	1	3	2	2	0	1	18.00

IBB: off Alcantara (Toro).
HBP: Alcantara (France). **WP:** Pop.
Umpires: Home, Alfonso Marquez; First, Quinn Wolcott; Second, Clint Vondrak; Third, Lance Barrett. **T:** 3:22.
A: 16,741(36,742).

LATE SATURDAY: PHILADELPHIA 4, N.Y. METS 1

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Segura 2b	4	0	0	0

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SHORTS

Champion Rams restock secondary



The Rams won the Super Bowl 2 ½ months ago despite fielding a secondary that didn't appear to be nearly as good as the previous season's group. The Rams' front office also thought that room could use some upgrades. On the third day of the NFL draft, the champs selected four defensive backs and reacquired a key pass defender from that 2020 unit that led the league in total defense. "(Defensive back) was definitely something we were going to strategically target," GM Les Snead, above, said. While they took their usual assortment of late-draft flyers on unsung or flawed prospects Saturday, the Rams' biggest addition of Day 3 could turn out to be the return of defensive back Troy Hill. The Rams traded a fifth-round pick in 2023 to the Browns for the dependable 30-year-old slot defender who played a key role on the Rams defense from 2016-20. The other additions to the secondary: South Carolina State corner Decobie Durant (Round 4), UCLA safety Quentin Lake (Round 6), Georgia corner Derion Kendrick (Round 6) and Kansas State safety Russ Yeast (Round 7).

Nadal, Djokovic slam Wimbledon ban



Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic criticized Wimbledon's decision to exclude Russian and Belarus players from this year's tournament following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The two tennis greats said Sunday that Wimbledon had acted unfairly. "I think it's very unfair of (on) my Russian tennis mates, my colleagues ... it's not their fault what's happening in this moment with the war," Nadal, above, a 21-time Grand Slam winner, said in Spain where both he and Djokovic are preparing to play in the Madrid Open. "I'm sorry for them," Nadal said. "Wimbledon just took their decision ... the government didn't force them to do it." Wimbledon starts June 27. The prominent players affected by the ban include reigning U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev, Andrey Rublev, and French Open runner-up Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, who are all from Russia. Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, which has aided Russian forces, would also be unable to play. Djokovic also criticized the ban. "I don't support the decision," the top-ranked Serb said. "I think it's just not fair, it's not right, but it is what it is."

O'Ward gets his 1st IndyCar win of '22



All it took was a change of mindset for Pato O'Ward to turn around his season. Now he's on the verge of signing a new contract and a win Sunday at Barber Motorsports Park in Leeds, Alabama, moved him back into the IndyCar championship picture. "It's all smiles and unicorns, man," O'Ward said Sunday after his first victory of the season. O'Ward entered the season unhappy about his contract with Arrow McLaren SP, which has the popular 22-year-old Mexican driver signed through 2024. O'Ward wanted more money, more assurances for his Formula One aspirations and a new contract. But when his unhappiness began to hurt his on-track performance, O'Ward made a conscious decision to focus on his job. The effort led to Sunday's win, his first of the year and third of his career. The win broke a Team Penske stranglehold on this year's IndyCar results. "I was tired of being 10th and 11th and fifth and I said 'Let's get a win under our belts so we can climb back into this championship race,' " said O'Ward, who moved up from ninth to fifth in the standings. *—Associated Press*



After COVID disruptions in 2020 and 2021, this year's playoffs will be viewed by capacity crowds across the league. **AP FILE**

NHL PLAYOFFS

'Return to normalcy'

Postseason with full arenas another big positive step

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Watching games in empty arenas in the quarantined bubbles during the 2020 playoffs, the 2021 season and even in Canada earlier this year gave Gary Bettman even more of an appreciation for what NHL hockey is like in front of a sellout crowd.

"Our players get an extraordinary amount of energy and excitement form our fans and our full buildings," the longtime commissioner said.

The Lightning celebrated their second of back-to-back Stanley Cup championships at home last summer in the middle of a packed house, but that was far from the norm everywhere. Their games in Montreal during that final came in front of a paltry crowd of 3,500 at Bell Centre, which is usually a raucous arena known for the best atmosphere in the league.

There won't be playoff hockey there this spring, but in three other Canadian cities and 13 in the U.S., every building is expected to be full this time of year for the first time since 2019. After navigating the twists and turns of the pandemic, the NHL is back to pre-COVID-19 business levels, with the return to regular playoffs being a big reason for the league's comeback.

"This is the ultimate return to normalcy," Bettman said. "To have our full buildings and exciting games, what more could we ask for? Especially after what we've all been through."

The NHL projected $5.2 billion in revenue at its annual Board of Governors meeting in December, with the salary cap set to rise $1 million next season after remaining flat since 2020. Even after the surge of the omicron variant of the coronavirus forced teams north of the U.S.-Canada border to play with no fans or limited attendance, the league is on pace to surpass the $5 billion mark.

"Revenue wise, we did fine this year," Bettman said. "We did basically what we were projecting. The impact of having buildings empty in Canada for some period had an impact — material for those clubs — but in terms of the $5-plus billion were going to do, it was only a very, very small part of that."

Even before the Cup is handed out before the end of June, that's a big win, especially after losing out on $3.6 billion when the 2019-20 season was cut short and operating in a deficit to play a shortened, 56-game season in 2021.

While Bettman often points out that ticket sales and other gate-related income makes up less than 50% of the league's business, the pandemic spurred more creativity in unearthing extra revenue sources. Ads were added to players' helmets, jersey patches are coming next season and this is the first of seven-year U.S. media rights deals with ESPN and Turner Sports.

"More people are consuming the game," said Bettman, who added TV ratings are up 18% and streaming numbers even more than that. "We're at a point where people want what they want when they want it how they want it and that's what we're delivering, and that was what the underpinning of our new media deals in the U.S. were because we believed without chopping and dicing it too much, we wanted there to be access to our games in more places but easy to find."

In person, there were hiccups along the way to completing 1,312 games — the longest NHL regular season.

A total of 106 games were rescheduled for reasons ranging from the virus to weather and attendance limits in Canada. Dozens of games that would have been played in cold, empty arenas the middle of winter were pushed into the window created by bowing out of the Beijing Olympics and some beyond that to the point government officials greenlighted fans at full capacity.

When the Maple Leafs host the Lightning and the Oilers host the Kings on Monday, they will be the first playoff games in Canada with full arenas since 2019. Leafs star Auston Matthews called the return of fans at full capacity "something that we're all looking forward to."

Perhaps it's fitting the Leafs and Oilers are ushering back sellout crowds after those cities hosted the 2020 bubble playoffs. The 2022 postseason should be the furthest thing from those dark days, though the league is keeping an eye on potential border and virus issues that could crop up.

Getting in a full, 82-game season for all 32 teams now after the addition of the Kraken is cause for celebration around the NHL, which is on track to finish the playoffs before July 1.

"That says we're back," Bettman said. "And it's great to have our fans back. It's great to have our game on a more normal schedule. A little bit later than usual, but we'll fix that next year."

NBA PLAYOFFS

Warriors, Bucks win series openers

News services

Klay Thompson hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 36 seconds left, and the Warriors overcame Draymond Green's first-half ejection to edge the Grizzlies 117-116 in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals Sunday in Memphis, Tennessee.

Jordan Poole led the Warriors with 31 points off the bench, hitting 5 of 10 3-pointers. Stephen Curry added 24 points, Andrew Wiggins had 17 and Thompson finished with 15.

Green was ejected for a flagrant foul just before halftime.



Klay Thompson celebrates after the Warriors' 117-116 win over the Grizzlies on Sunday. **BRANDON DILL/AP**

Thompson missed both free throws with 6.7 seconds left, then the Grizzlies won a jump ball before taking a timeout with 3.6 seconds remaining to set up the final play. The Grizzlies ran a play similar to Ja Morant's last-second layup to win Game 5 in the first round, but this time Morant's layup went over the rim.

Morant finished with 34 points and 10 assists, and Jaren Jackson Jr. matched his season high with six 3-pointers and had a career-high 33 points as the Grizzlies' first pair of teammates to score at least 30 in a playoff game. D'Anthony Melton added 14, and Brandon Clarke had 12.

The Grizzlies finished their first-round series by coming back from double-digit deficits in their final three wins — the first team in NBA history to do that more than once in a postseason, let alone a series. They came in leading the NBA in the fourth with an average of 33 points and outscoring opponents by 10.3 points a game.

This time, they could only match the Warriors point for point in the period.

The Grizzlies edged the Warriors out for the No. 2 seed in the West by tying the franchise record with 56 wins, and the Grizzlies also took three of four in their season series. Thompson only played one and Green two of those games and Curry three.

Game 2 is Tuesday night in Memphis.

Champs take Game 1 vs. Celtics: Giannis Antetokounmpo had his second career postseason triple-double, scoring 24 points with 13 rebounds and 12 assists Sunday to lead the Bucks to a 101-89 road victory over the Celtics in Game 1 of Eastern Conference semifinals.

Jrue Holiday had 25 points and 10 rebounds for the defending NBA champions, and Bobby Portis had 15 points and 11 boards to help the third-seeded Bucks swipe the home-court advantage in the best-of-seven series.

Game 2 is Tuesday night in Boston.

Jayson Tatum scored 21 points and Jaylen Brown had 12, but the two Celtics stars combined to shoot 10-for-31 in the game.

After shutting down Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving in a four-game sweep of the Nets, the second-seeded Celtics couldn't stop Antetokounmpo — even with defensive player of the year Marcus Smart shaking off a shoulder injury.

The two-time NBA MVP scored eight straight Bucks points at the end of the first half to take a double-digit lead into the break. The Celtics were within seven in the final minute of the third quarter before going without a bucket for more than four minutes while the Bucks scored 11 of the next 14 points to open a 17-point lead.

Positive signs for 76ers, Embiid? There's growing optimism amon the 76ers that injured All-Star big man Joel Embiid may be able to return by Game 3 or 4 of the Eastern Conference semifinal against the top-seeded Heat, ESPN reported Sunday.

Embiid will not travel for Games 1 and 2 in Miami because of an orbital fracture and concussion, but he will be re-evaluated Wednesday in hopes of getting a green light to play Friday when the series shifts to Philadelphia.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Heat vs. 76ers

Where, time, TV: Miami; 7:30 p.m. EDT; TNT.
Bottom line: The top-seeded Heat host the fourth-seeded 76ers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinal series. In the previous round, the Heat swept the Nets and the 76ers beat the Raptors in six games. The Heat and 76ers split the regular-season series 2-2.

Suns vs. Mavericks

Where, time, TV: Phoenix; 10 p.m. EDT; TNT.
Bottom line: The top-seeded Suns host the fourth-seeded Mavericks in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinal series. In the previous round, the Suns beat the Pelicans in six games and the Mavs beat the Jazz in six games.
The Suns swept the regular-seasons series against the Mavs 3-0.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

EAST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
#1 Miami vs. #4 Philadelphia
Monday: at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Friday: at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
May 8: at Phialdelphia, 8 p.m.
x-May10: at Miami, TBD
x-May12: at Philadelphia, TBD
x-May 15: at at Miami, TBD

#3 Milwaukee 1, #2 Boston 0
Sunday: Milwaukee 101-89
Tuesday: at Boston, 7 p.m.
May 7: at Milwaukee, 3:30 p.m.
May 9: at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
x-May 11: at Boston, TBD
x-May 13: at Milwaukee, TBD
x-May 15: at Boston, TBD

WEST CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
#1 Phoenix vs. #4 Dallas
Monday: at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Wednesday: at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Friday: at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
May 8: at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.
x-May 10: at Phoenix, TBD
x-May 12: at Dallas, TBD
x-May 15: at Phoenix, TBD

#3 Golden State 1, #2 Memphis 0
Sunday: Golden State 117-116
Tuesday: at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
May 7: at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
May 9: at Golden State, 10 pm.
x-May 11: at Memphis, TBD
x-May 13: at Golden State, TBD
May 16: at Mephis, TBD

CAREER 3-POINT FIELD GOALS

PLAYER	3P	G	3P	3PA	3P%
Stephen Curry	4.2	118	494	1230	.402
LeBron James	1.6	266	432	1283	.337
Klay Thompson	3.1	129	399	960	.416
Ray Allen	2.3	171	385	959	.401
James Harden	2.5	143	354	1060	.334
Kevin Durant	2.2	155	344	966	.356
Manu Ginóbili	1.5	218	324	905	.358
Reggie Miller	2.2	144	320	820	.390
Danny Green	1.9	159	299	775	.386
J.R. Smith	2.1	140	294	801	.367
Kobe Bryant	1.3	220	292	882	.331
Derek Fisher	1.1	259	285	715	.399
Paul Pierce	1.6	170	276	777	.355
Chauncey Billups	1.8	146	267	729	.366
Robert Horry	1.1	244	261	728	.359
Paul George	2.4	108	258	734	.351
Kyle Korver	1.8	145	254	649	.391
Jason Kidd	1.5	158	236	733	.322
Kawhi Leonard	1.7	135	228	572	.399
Chris Paul	1.7	135	224	603	.371
Jason Terry	1.8	124	221	574	.385
Michael Finley	1.6	129	200	515	.388
Scottie Pippen	1.0	208	200	660	.303
Damian Lillard	3.3	61	199	539	.369
Jae Crowder	1.9	100	190	571	.333
Rasheed Wallace	1.1	177	190	540	.352
Kyle Lowry	1.9	100	189	554	.341
J.J. Redick	1.7	110	189	509	.371
Andre Iguodala	1.0	173	181	512	.354
Dan Majerle	1.5	123	181	513	.353
Steve Nash	1.5	120	178	438	.40

through Sunday

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES DURAMAX DRYDENE 400

Lineup after Saturday qualifying; race restart Monday at Dover Motor Speedway, Dover, Del., Lap length: 1 mile

SP	#	DRIVER	M	MPH
1	17	Chris Buescher	F	160.149
2	11	Denny Hamlin	T	159.744.
3	5	Kyle Larson	C	159.631.
4	9	Chase Elliott	C	159.229.
5	12	Ryan Blaney	F	159.172.
6	48	Alex Bowman	C	159.109.
7	1	Ross Chastain	C	158.990.
8	99	Daniel Suárez	C	158.534.
9	23	Bubba Wallace	T	157.826.
10	18	Kyle Busch	T	157.487.
11	4	Kevin Harvick	F	159.666.
12	2	Austin Cindric	F	159.348.
13	15	Ryan Preece	F	159.151.
14	31	Justin Haley	C	159.074.
15	47	Ricky Stenhouse Jr	C	159.011.
16	45	Kurt Busch	T	158.975.
17	20	Christopher Bell	T	158.961.
18	19	Martin Truex Jr	T	158.716.
19	16	AJ Allmendinger	C	158.702.
20	6	Brad Keselowski	F	158.625.
21	7	Corey Lajoie	C	158.555.
22	22	Joey Logano	F	158.353.
23	14	Chase Briscoe	F	158.304.
24	3	Austin Dillon	C	158.082.
25	43	Erik Jones	C	157.957.
26	8	Tyler Reddick	C	157.667.
27	10	Aric Almirola	F	157.494.
28	51	Cody Ware	F	157.240.
29	34	Michael McDowell	F	157.171.
30	41	Cole Custer	F	156.399.
31	42	Ty Dillon	C	155.239.
32	78	BJ McLeod	F	151.241.
33	24	William Byron	C	.000.
34	38	Todd Gilliland	F	.000.
35	21	Harrison Burton	F	.000.
36	77	Josh Bilicki	C	.000.

M-make; C-Chevrolet; F-Ford; T-Toyoa

NASCAR CUP SERIES

MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS

RK	MAKE	PTS	PB	W
1	Chevrolet	371	—	6
2	Toyota	342	-29	2
3	Ford	337	-34	2

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS

DRIVER	W	T5	T10	PTS
Chase Elliott	0	1	7	368
Ryan Blaney	0	4	6	347
William Byron	2	4	4	334
Kyle Busch	1	3	7	312
Alex Bowman	1	2	6	309
Joey Logano	0	3	5	308
Kyle Larson	1	5	5	299
Martin Truex, Jr.	0	2	5	298
Ross Chastain	2	6	6	292
Aric Almirola	0	1	4	265
Kevin Harvick	0	1	4	252
Chase Briscoe	1	2	3	246
Austin Dillon	0	3	5	245
Christopher Bell	0	1	4	243
Tyler Reddick	0	3	4	242
Austin Cindric	1	1	2	238

ODDS

MLB — **MONDAY**

NATIONAL LEAGUE

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Miami	-143	Arizona	+123
at NY Mets	off	Atlanta	off

AMERICAN LEAGUE

at Chi Wh. Sox	-124	LA Angels	+104
Minnesota	-153	at Baltimore	+132
NY Yankees	-120	at Toronto	+100
at Houston	-124	Seattle	+104
Tampa Bay	-154	at Oakland	+133

INTERLEAGUE

at St. Louis	-160	Kansas City	+139

NBA PLAYOFFS — **MONDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Miami	7½	(208½)	Phila.
at Phoenix	5½	(215)	Dallas

NHL CUP PLAYOFFS — **MONDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Carolina	-120	Boston	+100
at Toronto	-126	Tampa Bay	+105
at Minnesota	-146	St. Louis	+122
at Edmonton	-200	Los Angeles	+164

ODDS TO WIN STANLEY CUP FINALS

Colorado	7-2	Florida	5-1
Calgary	13-2	Toronto	11-1
Carolina	12-1	Tampa Bay	12-1
Edmonton	14-1	Minnesota	14-1
NY Rangers	16-1	Boston	18-1
St. Louis	18-1	Pittsburgh	20-1
Washington	33-1	Nashville	45-1
Dallas	50-1	Los Angeles	50-1

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

HORSE RACING

ODDS TO WIN 2022 KENTUCKY DERBY
Saturday at Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky. Post position draw is Monday

Epicenter	4-1	Messier	13-2
Taiba	13-2	Zandon	8-1
Mo Donegal	10-1	White Abarrio	11-1
Charge It	14-1	Smile Happy	14-1
Tiz The Bomb	16-1	Cyberknife	18-1
Early Voting	18-1	Simplification	20-1
Zozos	20-1	Barber Road	28-1
Pioneer Of Medina			30-1
Crown Pride3	3-1	In Due Time	40-1
Tawny Port	50-1	Happy Jack	80-1
Summer Is Tomorrow			80-1
Un Ojo	100-1	Ethereal Road	150-1

source: bovada.lv

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PT	GF	GA
z-Florida	82	58	18	6	122	340	246
x-Toronto	82	54	21	7	115	315	253
x-Tampa Bay	82	51	23	8	110	287	233
x-Boston	82	51	26	5	107	255	220
Buffalo	82	32	39	11	75	232	290
Detroit	82	32	40	10	74	230	312
Ottawa	82	33	42	7	73	227	266
Montreal	82	22	49	11	55	221	319
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
y-Carolina	82	54	20	8	116	278	202
x-N.Y. Rangers	82	52	24	6	110	254	207
x-Pittsburgh	82	46	25	11	103	272	229
x-Washington	82	44	26	12	100	275	245
N.Y. Islanders	82	37	35	10	84	231	237
Columbus	82	37	38	7	81	262	300
New Jersey	82	27	46	9	63	248	307
Philadelphia	82	25	46	11	61	211	298

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PT	GF	GA
z-Colorado	82	56	19	7	119	312	234
x-Minnesota	82	53	22	7	113	310	253
x-St. Louis	82	49	22	11	109	311	242
x-Dallas	82	46	30	6	98	238	246
x-Nashville	82	45	30	7	97	266	252
Winnipeg	82	39	32	11	89	252	257
Chicago	82	28	42	12	68	219	291
Arizona	82	25	50	7	57	207	313
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
y-Calgary	82	50	21	11	111	293	208
x-Edmonton	82	49	27	6	104	290	252
x-Los Angeles	82	44	27	11	99	239	236
Vegas	82	43	31	8	94	266	248
Vancouver	82	40	30	12	92	249	236
San Jose	82	32	37	13	77	214	264
Anaheim	82	31	37	14	76	232	271
Seattle	82	27	49	6	60	216	285

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

SUNDAY'S RESULT
Winnipeg 4, Seattle 3

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Carolina vs. Boston
Monday: at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Wednesday: at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Friday: at Boston, 7 p.m.
Sunday: at Boston, 12:30 p.m.
x-May 10: at Carolina, TBD
x-May 12: at Boston, TBD
x-May 14: at Carolina, TBD

N.Y. Rangers vs. Pittsburgh
Tuesday: at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Thursday: at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Saturday: at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
May 9: at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
x-May 11: at N.Y. Rangers, TBD
x-May 13: at Pittsburgh, TBD
x-May 15: at N.Y. Rangers, TBD

Toronto vs. Tampa Bay
Monday: at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Friday: at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday: at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
x-May 10: at Toronto, TBD
x-May 12: at Tampa Bay, TBD
x-May 14: at Toronto, TBD

Florida vs. Washington
Tuesday: at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: at Washington, 1 p.m.
May 9: at Washington, 7 p.m.
x-May 11: at Florida, TBD
x-May 13: at Washington, TBD
x-May 15: at Florida, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Calgary vs. Dallas
Tuesday: at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Thursday: at Calgary, 10 p.m.
Saturday: at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
May 9: at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
x-May 11: at Calgary, TBD
x-May 13: at Dallas, TBD
x-May 15: at Calgary, TBD

Edmonton vs. Los Angeles
Monday: at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Wednesday: at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Friday: at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Sunday: at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
x-May 10: at Edmonton, TBD
x-May 12: at Los Angeles, TBD
x-May 14: at Edmonton, TBD

Colorado vs. Nashville
Tuesday: at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Thursday: at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday: at Nashville, 4:30 p.m.
May 9: at Nashville, 9:30 p.m.
x-May 11: at Colorado, TBD
x-May 13: at Nashville, TBD
x-May 15: Nashville at Colorado, TBD

Minnesota vs. St. Louis
Monday: at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday: at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.
Friday: at St. Louis, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday: at St. Louis, 4:30 p.m.
x-May 10: at Minnesota, TBD
x-May 12: at St. Louis, TBD
x-May 14: at Minnesota, TBD

RECENT PRESIDENTS' TROPHY

Awarded to the team with the most points earned during regulars season.

YEAR	WINNER	PTS	M	RESULT
1995	Detroit	70	5	L Cup Final
1996	Detroit	131	27	L Conf Final
1997	Colorado	107	3	L Conf Final
1998	Dallas	109	2	L Conf Final
1999	Dallas	114	9	Won Cup
2000	St. Louis	114	6	L Conf QF
2001	Colorado	118	7	Won Cup
2002	Detroit	116	15	Won Cup
2003	Ottawa	113	2	L Conf Final
2004	Detroit	109	3	L Conf Semi
2006	Detroit	124	11	L Conf QF
2007	Buffalo	113	0	L Conf Final
2008	Detroit	115	7	Won Cup
2009	San Jose	117	1	L Conf QF
2010	Washington	121	8	L Conf QF
2011	Vancouver	117	10	L Cup Final
2012	Vancouver	111	2	L Conf QF
2013	Chicago	77	5	Won Cup
2014	Boston	117	1	L Rd. 2
2015	NY Rangers	113	3	L Conf Final
2016	Washington	120	11	L Rds. 2
2017	Washington	118	7	L Rd. 2
2018	Nashville	117	3	L Rd. 2
2019	Tampa Bay	128	21	L Rd. 1
2020	Boston	100	6	L Rd. 2
2021	Colorado	82	0	L Rd. 2
2022	Florida	122	3	--

TENNIS

ATP MILLENNIUM ESTORIL OPEN

At Clube de Tenis do Estoril, Estoril, Portugal, Red clay-outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
Sebastian Baez d. #5 Frances Tiafoe, 6-3, 6-2.

ATP BMW OPEN BY AMERICAN EXPRESS

At MTTC IphitosMunich, Red-clay-out
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
Holger Vitus Nodskov Rune d. Botic Van De Zandschulp, 3-4, retired

MUTUA MADRID OPEN

At Caja Magica, Madrid, Red clay-out.
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64
Jack Draper d. Lorenzo Sonego, 6-4, 6-3.
John Isner d. Filip Krajinovic, 7-6(8), 6-4.
Daniel Evans d. Federico Delbonis, 6-3, 6-4.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Daria Kasatkina d. #4 Maria Sakkari, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.
Bianca Andreescu d. #6 Danielle Collins, 6-1, 6-1.
Anhelina Kalinina d. #7 Garbine Muguruza, 6-3, 6-0.
#9 Emma Raducanu d. Marta Kostyuk, 6-2, 6-1.
#12 Jessica Pegula d. Kaia Kanepi, 6-3, 6-3.
#16 Elena Rybakina d. Katerina Siniakova, 6-0, 1-0, ret.
Jil Teichmann d. #17 Leylah Annie Fernandez, 6-4, 6-4.
Sara Sorribes Tormo d. Naomi Osaka, 6-3, 6-1.

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	1	3	18	13	6
N.Y. Red Bulls	5	2	2	17	15	7
Orlando City	5	3	2	17	12	11
CF Montréal	4	3	2	14	16	18
New York City FC	4	3	1	13	19	10
Columbus	3	3	3	12	13	9
Atlanta	3	4	2	11	11	13
Toronto FC	3	4	2	11	16	19
New England	3	5	1	10	14	16
Charlotte FC	3	6	1	10	9	13
Cincinnati	3	5	1	10	11	17
Inter Miami CF	3	5	1	10	9	18
Chicago	2	3	4	10	6	7
D.C. United	3	5	0	9	10	13
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Austin FC	6	1	2	20	22	8
Los Angeles FC	6	1	1	19	19	8
LA Galaxy	5	3	1	16	10	7
FC Dallas	4	1	4	16	14	7
Real Salt Lake	4	2	4	16	10	13
Minnesota United	4	2	2	14	11	6
Houston	3	3	3	12	12	11
Colorado	3	3	3	12	11	11
Nashville	3	3	3	12	9	10
Portland	2	3	5	11	10	15
Sporting KC	2	6	2	8	8	16
Seattle	2	4	1	7	9	11
San Jose	1	5	3	6	15	23
Vancouver	1	6	1	4	6	17

Three points for victory, one for tie.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
New York City FC 3, San Jose 0
Philadelphia 1, Nashville 1
Minnesota at Los Angeles FC, late

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Toronto FC at Cincinnati, 7:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Miami at Charlotte FC, 3:30p.m.
Orlando City at CF Montréal, 4p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 6p.m.
Portland at New York, 7p.m.
Sporting KC at New York City FC, 7p.m.
Houston at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.
Columbus at New England, 7:30p.m.
Cincinnati at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Seattle at FC Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 10p.m.
Philadelphia at Los Angeles FC, 11p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 8
Toronto FC at Vancouver, 4p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Nashville, 5p.m.
LA Galaxy at Austin FC, 7p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Austin FC 2, Houston 1
Cincinnati 2, Toronto FC 1
Real Salt Lake 1, LA Galaxy 0
CF Montréal 2, Atlanta 1
New England 2, Miami 0
Orlando City 2, Charlotte FC 1
Columbus 3, D.C. United 0
N.Y. Red Bulls 2, Chicago 1
FC Dallas 2, Sporting Kansas City 2
Colorado 2, Portland 0

NWSL

TEAM	W	L	TPTS	GF	GA
Gotham FC	1	0	0	3	3	0
Portland	1	0	0	3	3	0
Angel CityFC	1	0	0	3	2	1
Chicago	1	0	0	3	2	1
Washington	1	0	0	3	2	1
San Diego FC	1	0	0	3	1	0
North Carolina	0	1	0	0	1	2
OL Reign	0	1	0	0	1	2
Louisville	0	1	0	0	1	2
Houston	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kansas City	0	1	0	0	0	3
Orlando	0	1	0	0	0	3

Three points for victory, one for tie.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 2, OL Reign 1
San Diego FC 1, Houston 0
Gotham FC 3, Orlando 0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Portland at North Carolina, 7 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Gotham FC at San Diego, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 8
Houston at Kansas City, 5 p.m.
Louisville at OL Reign, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Angel City FC, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Portland 3, Kansas City 0
Chicago 2, Louisville 1

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	34	26	5	3	84	21	83
Liverpool	34	25	7	2	86	22	82
Chelsea	34	19	9	6	68	29	66
Arsenal	34	20	3	11	54	41	63
Tottenham	34	19	4	11	59	39	61
Man United	35	15	10	10	54	52	55
West Ham	35	15	7	13	53	46	52
Wolverhampton	34	15	4	15	33	32	49
Brighton	35	10	14	11	34	42	44
Newcastle	35	11	10	14	40	56	43
Leicester	33	11	9	13	48	54	42
Crystal Palace	34	9	14	11	45	42	41
Aston Villa	33	12	4	17	44	46	40
Brentford	34	11	7	16	41	49	40
Southampton	35	9	13	13	41	58	40
Burnley	34	7	13	14	31	46	34
Leeds	34	8	10	16	38	72	34
Everton	33	9	5	19	35	55	32
Watford	34	6	4	24	32	69	22
Norwich	34	5	6	23	22	71	21

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Everton 1, Chelsea 0
Tottenham 3, Leicester 1
Arsenal 2, West Ham United 1

MONDAY'S MATCH
Man United vs. Brentford, 3p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Brentford vs. Southampton, 10a.m.
Burnley vs. Aston Villa, 10a.m.
Chelsea vs. Wolverhampton, 10a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Watford, 10a.m.
Brighton vs. Man United, 12:30p.m.
Liverpool vs. Tottenham, 2:45p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 8
Arsenal vs. Leeds, 9a.m.
Leicester vs. Everton, 9a.m.
Norwich vs. West Ham, 9a.m.
Man City vs. Newcastle, 11:30a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 10
Aston Villa vs. Liverpool, 3p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11
Leeds vs. Chelsea, 2:30p.m.
Watford vs. Everton, 2:45p.m.
Leicester vs. Norwich, 2:45p.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Man City, 3:15p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 12
Tottenham vs. Arsenal, 2:45p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SEMIFINAL PHASE
Tuesday's second leg
Liverpool vs. Villarreal, 3 p.m.
Wednesday's second leg
Manchester City vs. Real Madrid, 3 p.m.

USFL

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	1	1	0	.500	34	34
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	47	46
Michigan	1	2	0	.333	42	27
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	.000	26	71
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Birmingham	3	0	0	1.000	83	65
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	70	42
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	47	63
Houston	1	2	0	.333	71	72

WEEK 3
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Michigan 24, Pittsburgh 0
New Jersey at Philadlephia, late

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Tampa Bay 27, Houston 26
Birmingham 22, New Orleans 13

WEEK 4
FRIDAY'S GAME
Philadelphia at Michigan, 10p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 7
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 2:30p.m.
Tampa Bay at Birmingham, 7p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 8
Houston at new Orleans, 3p.m.

GOLF

PGA MEXICO OPEN AT VIDANTA

4th of 4 rounds, The Norman Course at Vidanta Vallarta, Vallarta, Mexico
7,456 yards; Par: 71
(Individual FedEx Cup points)

267 (-17)	**$1,314,000**
Jon Rahm (500)	64-66-68-69
268 (-16)	**$552,367**
Tony Finau (208)	71-68-66-63
Kurt Kitayama (208)	64-70-66-68
Brandon Wu (208)	69-70-66-63
269 (-15)	**$299,300**
Davis Riley (110)	69-65-67-68
270 (-14)	**$238,163**
Cameron Champ (89)	67-66-67-70
David Lipsky (89)	69-68-69-64
Alex Smalley (89)	66-66-70-68
Aaron Wise (89)	65-75-66-64
271 (-13)	**$198,925**
Patrick Rodgers (75)	66-69-66-70
272 (-12)	**$177,025**
Nate Lashley (68)	69-68-64-71
Martin Trainer (68)	72-65-71-64
273 (-11)	**$147,825**
Grayson Murray (59)	73-67-66-67
Chez Reavie (59)	67-71-67-68
274 (-10)	**$104,187**
Jonathan Byrd (47)	64-70-71-69
Lanto Griffin (47)	71-69-69-65
Stephan Jaeger (47)	69-71-64-70
Satoshi Kodaira (47)	67-69-67-71
Kelly Kraft (47)	68-69-70-67
Anirban Lahiri (47)	68-68-72-66
Adam Long (47)	67-66-71-70
Peter Malnati (47)	68-68-72-66
Andrew Novak (47)	66-67-70-71
275 (-9)	**$60,955**
Michael Gligic (34)	67-70-71-67
Trey Mullinax (34),	64-69-73-69
Aaron Rai (34), $60,955	65-69-69-72
Sahith Theegala (34)	65-73-69-68
Gary Woodland (34),	67-72-69-67
276 (-8)	**$48,910**
Ryan Blaum (27)	66-70-70-70
Hank Lebioda (27)	67-67-69-73
Sebastian Munoz (27)	66-69-71-70
C.T. Pan (27)	66-70-69-71
277 (-7)	**$36,541**
Wesley Bryan (19)	68-69-67-73
Brice Garnett (19)	70-67-72-68
Doug Ghim (19)	72-65-71-69
Emiliano Grillo (19)	72-65-71-69
Charles Howell III (19)	66-69-70-72
Graeme McDowell (19)	70-70-69-68
Scott Piercy (19)	70-68-71-68
Greyson Sigg (19)	66-73-70-68
Cameron Tringale (19)	70-68-70-69
278 (-6)	**$23,287**
Abraham Ancer (11)	71-69-68-70
Robert Garrigus (11)	68-72-69-69
Brandon Hagy (11)	66-67-71-74
John Huh (11)	67-70-73-68
Ben Kohles (11)	70-69-72-67
Kevin Na (11)	70-67-73-68
Patrick Reed (11)	67-66-70-75
Brian Stuard (11)	71-68-70-69
Alvaro Ortiz (0)	68-69-70-71
279 (-5)	**$17,356**
Scott Brown (6)	65-69-73-72
Tommy Gainey (6)	69-71-72-67
Lee Hodges (6)	68-72-69-70
Mark Hubbard (6)	68-71-71-69
Sung Kang (6)	68-72-69-70
Carlos Ortiz (6)	70-69-71-69
David Skinns (6)	69-69-74-67
Turk Pettit (0)	72-67-70-70
280 (-4)	**$16,498**
Bill Haas (5)	70-70-65-75
Matt Jones (5)	71-69-70-70
281 (-3)	**$16,133**
Kiradech Aphibarnrat (5)	70-66-71-74
Hayden Buckley (5)	66-73-69-73
Callum Tarren (5)	73-67-72-69

LATE SATURDAY: LPGA PALOS VERDES CHAMPIONSHIP

3rd of 4 rounds, Palos Verdes Golf Club Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., 6,258 yards; Par: 71

Hannah Green	67-66-72—205	-8
Lydia Ko	69-67-70—206	-7
Lexi Thompson	69-73-66—208	-5
Allisen Corpuz	68-72-68—208	-5
Gemma Dryburgh	66-74-68—208	-5
Inbee Park	71-67-70—208	-5
Marina Alex	70-68-70—208	-5
Andrea Lee	70-68-70—208	-5
Annie Park	68-69-71—208	-5
Megan Khang	67-69-72—208	-5
Minjee Lee	63-73-72—208	-5
Sarah Kemp	71-72-66—209	-4
Stephanie Meadow	73-68-68—209	-4
Hye-Jin Choi	69-71-69—209	-4
Albane Valenzuela	66-74-69—209	-4
Ryann O'Toole	68-71-70—209	-4
Maude-Aimee Leblanc	69-68-72—209	-4
Jennifer Chang	65-72-72—209	-4
Jin Young Ko	64-72-73—209	-4
Bronte Law	75-69-66—210	-3
Maria Fassi	72-71-67—210	-3
Xiyu Janet Lin	72-71-67—210	-3
Jennifer Kupcho	71-71-67—210

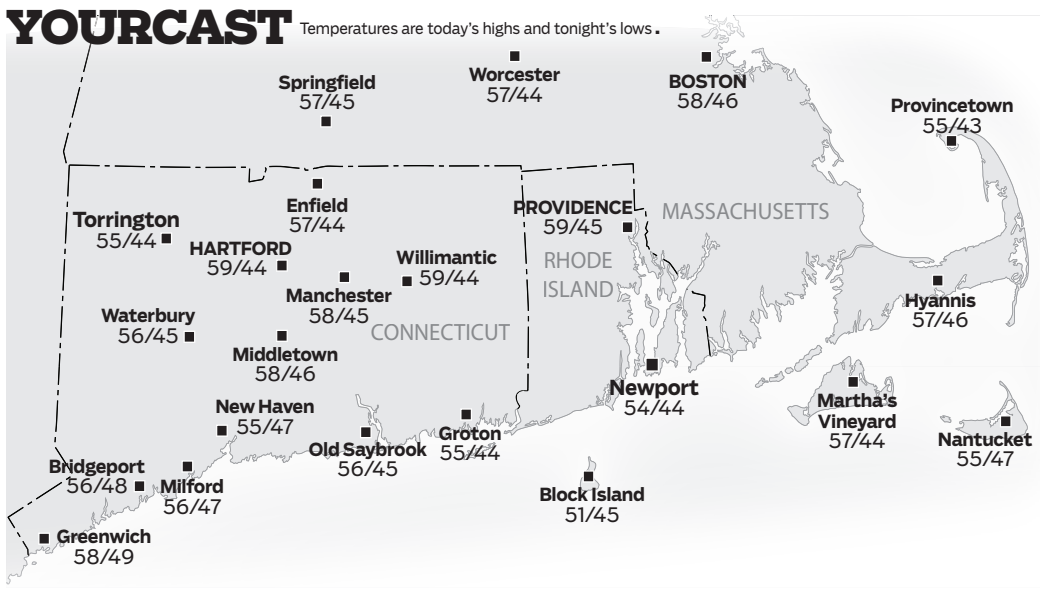
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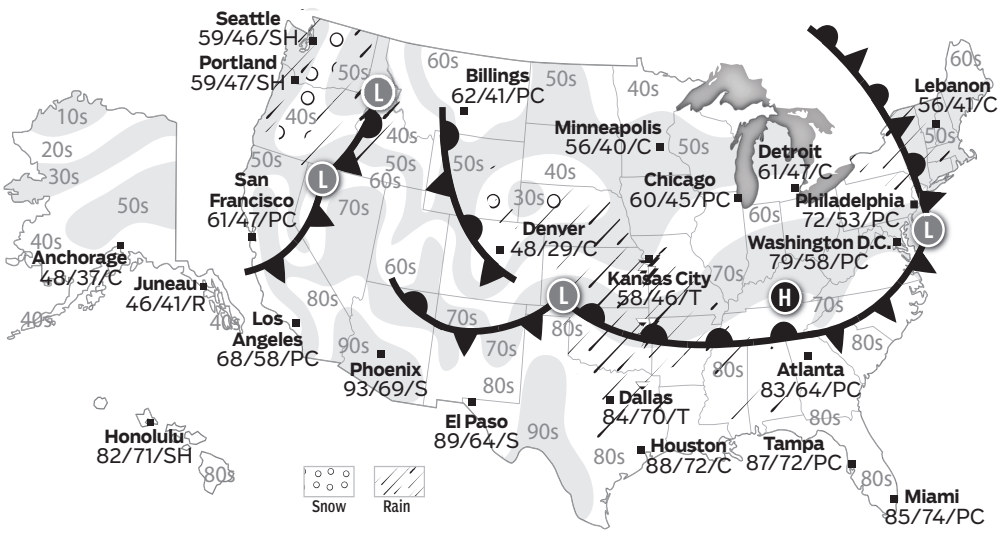
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Mostly cloudy with showers, cooler. Winds east at 5 to 10 mph.	Considerable cloudiness, slight chance for an early shower.	Mostly cloudy with showers, tapering off late in the day.	Partly sunny and mild.	Variable cloudiness, chance for a few showers.
HIGH 59° LOW 44°	HIGH 63° LOW 48°	HIGH 60° LOW 47°	HIGH 70° LOW 49°	HIGH 63° LOW 45°

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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.





OUTLOOK

The month of May got off to a sunny and seasonable start, but the next few days will feature clouds and showers with the showers mainly confined to Monday and Wednesday. The month of April ended up averaging 0.4 degrees above normal at Bradley Airport. The high temperature was 0.3 degrees above normal and the low temperature was 0.6 degrees above normal. It was a wet month with 5.22 inches of precipitation which was 1.34 inches above normal. Snowfall was just a trace. Along the shoreline, Bridgeport averaged 49.2 degrees or 0.8 degrees below normal.

-Gary Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.12
Month to date	0.00	0.12
Total this year	14.70	14.22

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

Air Quality Forecast For Today

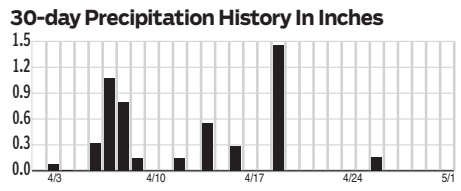
Air Quality Today	Ultraviolet Index Today	Pollen Count Yesterday	Wind Chill Today
Good 31	Low 1	Low Trees	47°

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:46 a.m.	5:45 a.m.
Sunset	7:49 p.m.	7:50 p.m.
Moonrise	6:42 a.m.	7:15 a.m.
Moonset	9:58 p.m.	11:00 p.m.

Moon Phase

First	Full	Last	New
May 8	May 16	May 22	May 30

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	11:18 a.m. 11:30 p.m.	5:36 a.m. 5:28 p.m.	50°
Saybrook Jetty	a.m. 12:29 p.m.	6:29 a.m. 6:21 p.m.	50°
Connecticut River at Portland	2:42 a.m. 3:12 p.m.	10:15 a.m. 10:07 p.m.	
Madison	12:21 a.m. 12:53 p.m.	6:42 a.m. 6:46 p.m.	50°
New Haven	12:41 a.m. 1:13 p.m.	7:06 a.m. 7:10 p.m.	50°
Stamford	12:45 a.m. 1:17 p.m.	7:20 a.m. 7:24 p.m.	49°

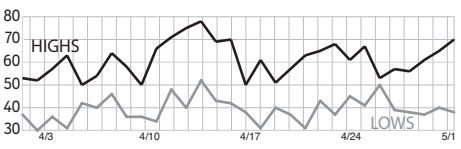
River Stage at Hartford: 6.11 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
	Showers	Showers	Showers
Wind	E, 5-15	SE/E, 5-15	SE/E, 5-15
Seas	1 ft.	1-2 ft.	2 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Sunday	70 at 3:58 p.m	38 at 5:13 a.m
Normal for date	67	44
Record for date	88 in 2001	28 in 2008
A year ago	62	40
Range this year	78	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - May 1	5195	5665	5240

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.16 at 8 a.m.	30.03 at 5 p.m.
Dew point	31° at 7 a.m.	26° at 12 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND											
Bangor	60	38	PC	Baltimore	76	51	PC	Nashville	82	63	PC
Burlington	61	46	C	Bismarck	59	32	PC	New Orleans	86	71	PC
Caribou	60	39	PC	Boise	59	38	SH	New York	54	49	SH
Concord	55	42	C	Buffalo	56	44	C	Okla. City	81	52	C
Montpelier	56	40	SH	Charleston	86	68	PC	Omaha	50	41	R
Mt. Wash.	38	29	C	Cincinnati	70	53	PC	Orlando	90	69	PC
Portland	54	43	PC	Cleveland	61	46	C	Pittsburgh	65	46	C
Woods Hole	51	44	SH	Indianapolis	67	54	PC	Raleigh	82	61	PC
NATION				Jacksonville	85	66	PC	St. Louis	69	61	C
Albany	55	44	C	Las Vegas	91	64	S	Salt Lake City	70	41	PC
Albuquerque	78	52	S	Miami Beach	82	76	PC	San Antonio	87	73	C
Atlantic City	70	47	C	Milwaukee	55	40	C	San Diego	66	58	PC
				San Juan	85	75	C	Budapest	72	50	T
				Tucson	91	63	S	Buenos Aires	68	48	C
				WORLD				Cairo	95	73	PC
								Cancun	85	75	SH
				Amsterdam	59	43	PC	Dubai	99	77	S
				Athens	64	50	SH	Dublin	55	50	SH
				Bangkok	90	81	T	Edinburgh	52	45	C
				Barbados	84	77	C	Helsinki	54	28	PC
				Beijing	79	54	S	Hong Kong	70	68	SH
				Beirut	72	69	PC	Istanbul	64	52	SH
				Berlin	64	45	C	Jerusalem	81	54	PC
				Bermuda	71	68	S	Johannesburg	73	46	S
								Kingston	86	75	T
								Lisbon	68	54	SH
								London	61	52	C
								Madrid	66	54	R
								Mexico City	86	57	PC
								Milan	72	55	R
								Montreal	64	50	SH
								Moscow	55	43	R
								Nassau	81	74	PC
								New Delhi	106	82	PC
								Paris	64	48	C
								Prague	64	46	SH
								Rio de Janeiro	88	70	R
								Rome	70	52	C
								Seoul	66	48	S
								Singapore	91	73	T
								Stockholm	63	37	PC
								Sydney	73	57	PC
								Tel Aviv	79	69	PC
								Tokyo	66	54	C
								Toronto	61	45	SH
								Vancouver	57	46	R
								Warsaw	64	46	SH

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

Saturday's late high school results

SOFTBALL

CCC-West
HALL 2, GLASTONBURY 1
H 001-100-**0**—2-3-1
G 100-000-**0**—1-4-2
WP: Sophie Garner-MacKinnon. **LP:** Brooke Tracy. Rec.: **H**—9-1; **G**—9-2. **Note:** Garner-MacKinnon had 18strikeouts and Madeline Peterson was 1-for-3with an RBI for Hall. Tracy had 13 strikeouts and had a triple, 1RBI at the plate.
Others
ST. PAUL 14, FARMINGTON 1
F 000-**10**—1-5-3
SP 380-**3x**—14-10-2
WP: Lauren Kozlak. Rec.: **SP**—4-9; **F**—0-10. **Note:** Kozlak allowed 5hits and had 8strikeouts. St. Paul coach Gary Hovhanessian earned his 200th career win.

GIRLS LACROSSE

NCCC
SUFFIELD 15, ROCKVILLE 3
Goals: S—Gabby Manderola (5), Georgia Qua (3), Ari Nikolis (3), Lilly Lockard (2), Mackenzie Chevrier, Ava Cloyd; **R**—Olivia Mistretta (2), Lauren Poulin. **Saves: S**—Alana Raines, 4; **R**—Mandi Rivard, 11. Rec.: **S**—3-5; **R**—1-9.
Monday's high school schedule
ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

BASEBALL

CCC-**North:** Newington at Wethersfield, 4p.m.
CCC-**South:** Bristol Central at Bristol Eastern, 6:30p.m.
CCC-**East:** Tolland at RHAM
CCC-**West:** Simsbury at Northwest Catholic
CCC-**Inter:** East Hartford at Berlin; Bloomfield co-op at Conard; East Catholic at Maloney; Platt at Windsor; Lewis Mills at Enfield; Hartford Public/HMTCA at Avon; New Britain at Farmington; Hall at E.O. Smith; Plainville at Rocky Hill; Manchester at Glastonbury; Southington at South Windsor, 5:15p.m.
NCCC: Ellington at Rockville; East Windsor at East Granby; Stafford at Somers, 4p.m.; Windsor Locks at Suffield, 4p.m.
Shoreline: Hale-Ray at Old Saybrook, 4p.m.; Coginchaug at Old Lyme, 4p.m.; Valley Regional at Haddam-Killingworth, 4p.m.; Westbrook at Portland, 6:30p.m.; Cromwell at Morgan, 6:30 p.m.
CTC: Prince Tech at Goodwin Tech; Windham Tech at Ellis Tech; O'Brien Tech at Wilcox Tech; Vinal Tech at Cheney Tech
CRAL: Capital Prep at Civic Leadership, 3:30 p.m.; Innovation at Weaver; MLC at Parish Hill
SCC: Cheshire at Amity; Law at Lyman Hall; Hand at Guilford, 4p.m.; Fairfield Prep at Xavier, 4p.m.; Sheehan at Shelton, 7p.m.
ECC: East Lyme at Bacon Academy, 4p.m.
Others: Windham at Bolton; University/Classical at Hillhouse/Career, 4p.m.; Granby at Northwestern, 4:30p.m.

SOFTBALL

CCC-**South:** Platt at Plainville
CCC-**West:** Conard at Northwest Catholic
CCC-**Inter:** East Catholic at New Britain; East Hartford at Avon; Middletown at Bloomfield; Glastonbury at South Windsor; Farmington at Berlin; Manchester at Bristol Central; Maloney at Windsor; Tolland at Rocky Hill, 4p.m.; Wethersfield at Enfield, 4:30p.m.; Newington at E.O. Smith, 4:30p.m.; Hartford Public at Simsbury, 4:45p.m.; Bristol Eastern at Southington, 4:45p.m.; Hall at Lewis Mills, 5:30p.m.
NCCC: Windsor Locks at East Windsor/SMSA, 4 p.m.; Somers at Stafford, 4p.m.
Shoreline: Old Saybrook at Hale-Ray, 3:30p.m.; Cromwell at Morgan, 4p.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at Valley Regional, 4p.m.; Old Lyme at Coginchaug, 5:30p.m.; Old Saybrook at Hale-Ray, 5:30p.m.; East Hampton at North Branford, 6p.m.
CTC: Ellis Tech at Windham Tech; Goodwin Tech at Prince Tech; Wilcox Tech at O'Brien Tech; Cheney Tech at Vinal Tech
CRAL: Capital Prep at Civic Leadership/Aerospace, 3:30p.m.; MLC at Parish Hill; Innovation at Weaver
SCC: Guilford at Mercy; Lauralton Hall at Cheshire, 4:15p.m.; Hand at North Haven, 7p.m.
Others: East Granby at University/Classical; Granby at Northwestern, 4p.m.; St. Paul at Ellington, 4:45p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-**South:** Enfield at Maloney/Platt
CCC-**Inter:** Rocky Hill at Conard, 4p.m.; East Catholic at Farmington, 4p.m.; Northwest Catholic at Hall, 4p.m.; Berlin at Glastonbury, 5p.m.; Newington at Simsbury, 6:15p.m.; RHAM at Southington, 7p.m.
SCC: Xavier at Shelton, 5:15p.m.; Hand at Cheshire, 6p.m.; Sheehan at Lyman Hall, 7p.m.
Others: Norwich Tech/Windham Tech at E.O. Smith; Prince Tech at Windsor, 4p.m.; Capital Prep at Holy Cross, 4p.m.; Lewis Mills at St. Paul, 4p.m.; Vinal Tech/Goodwin Tech at Bristol co-op, 6p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-**North:** South Windsor at Conard, 6p.m.
CCC-**Central:** Windsor at Northwest Catholic, 4p.m.
CCC-**South:** Bristol Central at Enfield
NCCC: Rockville at Ellington, 4:30p.m.
SCC: SHA at Mercy; Sheehan at Lyman Hall, 5 p.m.
Others: Newington at Cromwell; Old Saybrook at St. Bernard, 4p.m.; East Catholic at St. Joseph, 4p.m.; Wethersfield at Granby, 4p.m.; Bacon Academy at Haddam-Killingworth, 4p.m.; Valley Regional at New London, 4:30p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-**West:** Hall at Maloney, 6p.m.
CCC-**Inter:** Wethersfield at Farmington, 5p.m.; East Hartford at Conard, 5p.m.; Simsbury at South Windsor, 5p.m.; New Britain at Newington, 5p.m.; Lewis Mills at Bulkeley/SMSA, 5:30 p.m.; Enfield at Southington, 6p.m.
Others: Hand at Barlow, 5:30p.m.; Norwich Tech at HMTCA, 5:30p.m.; Brookfield at Cheshire, 6 p.m.; Newtown at Xavier, 6p.m.; Rockville at Wolcott Tech, 6p.m.

BOYS GOLF

CCC-**East:** East Catholic at E.O. Smith, 3p.m.
CCC-**Inter:** Windsor at Bristol Central, 2:45p.m.
NCCC: Granby at Stafford, 3p.m.; Rockville at East Granby, 3p.m.; Somers at Suffield, 3p.m.; Canton at Ellington, 3p.m.
Shoreline: Old Lyme at Portland, 2:45p.m.; Old Saybrook at North Branford, 3p.m.; Valley Regional at East Hampton, 3p.m.
CTC: O'Brien Tech at Wilcox Tech, 2p.m.; Grasso Tech at Prince Tech, 2p.m.
SCC: Lyman Hall at Sheehan, 2:45p.m.
NVL: St. Paul at Naugatuck, 2:30p.m.
Others: Windsor Locks at Enfield, 3p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-**South:** Lewis Mills at Berlin, 3p.m.
CCC-**East:** Wethersfield at East Hartford, 3p.m.; South Windsor at Manchester, 3p.m.
CCC-**West:** Simsbury at Hall, 3p.m.; Conard at Northwest Catholic, 3p.m.; Avon at Farmington, 3p.m.
CCC-**Inter:** New Britain at East Catholic, 3p.m.
ECC: Bacon Academy, Waterford at NFA, 3p.m.
Others: Canton at Mercy, 2:20p.m.; Hand, Glastonbury at Cheshire, 2:30p.m.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

SCC: Wilbur Cross at Xavier

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

SCC: Wilbur Cross at Mercy

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-**North:** New Britain at Bulkeley/HMTCA
CCC-**South:** Plainville at Platt/Maloney; Bristol Eastern at Lewis Mills, 4:30p.m.
CCC-**East:** E.O. Smith at East Catholic; Tolland at South Windsor; RHAM at East Hartford
CCC-**West:** Conard at Avon; Hall at Farmington; Northwest Catholic at Glastonbury; Southington at Simsbury
CCC-**Inter:** Newington at Berlin
NCCC: Granby at Suffield; Canton/East Granby co-op at Ellington
Shoreline: Old Lyme at Coginchaug; East Hampton at Haddam-Killingworth; Old Saybrook at Westbrook, 4p.m.
SCC: Lyman Hall at Hamden; Cheshire at Notre Dame-West Haven; Law at Xavier
ECC: Bacon Academy at Lyman Memorial
Others: Wilcox Tech at East Haven; Enfield co-op at Windsor Locks

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-**North:** Rocky Hill at Windsor; Bloomfield at Newington; Bulkeley/HMTCA at New Britain
CCC-**South:** Platt at Plainville; Middletown at Bristol Central; Berlin at Maloney; Lewis Mills at Bristol Eastern
CCC-**East:** South Windsor at Tolland; East Hartford at RHAM, 5p.m.
CCC-**West:** Farmington at Hall; Glastonbury at Northwest Catholic; Simsbury at Southington; Avon at Conard
NCCC: Bolton at East Granby; Suffield at Granby; Coventry at Rockville; Ellington at Canton, 4p.m.
Shoreline: Coginchaug at Old Lyme; Cromwell at Morgan; Westbrook at Old Saybrook; North Branford at Valley Regional; East Hampton at Haddam-Killingworth
CTC: Wilcox Tech at Prince Tech
SCC: SHA at Hand; Guilford at Mercy
ECC: Bacon Academy at Montville; Windham/Windham Tech at St. Bernard
Sunday's college results

BASEBALL

UCONN 17, BUTLER 4
MAINE 9, HARTFORD 8
CENTRAL 10, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 2
COLBY 14, TRINITY 7
MANHATTAN 11, QUINNIPIAC 8
LIU 7, SACRED HEART 5

SOFTBALL

BINGHAMTON 10, HARTFORD 2
BRYANT 5, CENTRAL 3
IONA 4-3, QUINNIPIAC 1-0
MERRIMACK 8, SACRED HEART 5
Tuesday's college schedule

BASEBALL

Central at Hartford, 3p.m.
Eastern at Keene State, 3p.m.
Quinnipiac at Rhode Island, 3p.m.
UMass at Fairfield, 3:30p.m.
Trinity at Union, 6p.m.

SOFTBALL

Fairfield at Sacred Heart, 3p.m.
GNAC **Tourney**—First Round
Regis at St. Joseph, 4p.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Little East **Tourney**—First Round
Eastern at Mass. Maritime, 7p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Little East **Tourney**—First Round
Eastern at Southern Maine, 6p.m.

BIG EAST BASEBALL

Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
UConn	11-1	.917	37-8	.822
Creighton	10-2	.833	25-12	.676
Xavier	6-6	.500	22-23	.489
Georgetown	7-8	.467	26-18	.591
Villanova	7-8	.467	17-21-1	.449
Seton Hall	4-8	.333	14-30	.318
St. John's	3-8-1	.292	17-26-1	.398
Butler	2-9-1	.208	18-26-1	.411

Sunday's results
UConn 17, Butler 4
St. John's 11, Villanova 8
Seton Hall 11, Georgetown 2
Xavier 9, Creighton 3
Tuesday's schedule
Rutgers at Seton Hall, 4p.m.
St. John's at Marist, 6p.m.
Georgetown at Maryland, 6:30p.m.

BIG EAST SOFTBALL

Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
UConn	18-3	.857	34-15	.694
Villanova	15-5	.750	28-20	.583
Butler	14-6	.700	29-15	.659
DePaul	14-7	.667	26-21	.553
Providence	10-11	.476	24-19	.558
Seton Hall	7-14	.333	18-23	.439
Georgetown	5-14	.263	15-26	.366
St. John's	5-16	.238	11-33	.250
Creighton	5-17	.227	15-27	.357

Sunday's results
Villanova 5, Seton Hall 2
Georgetown 2, St. John's 1
Butler 5, Providence 4
DePaul 9, Creighton 3
Tuesday's schedule
Northwestern at DePaul, 5p.m.

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Williams said. "But it's the way the game is, right? It's only 144 spots in this league, teams only giving up 11 to 12 roster spots. So when your name called, you've got to go in and you've got to show why a team should value you. And that's tough."

The opening day roster is expected to be announced Thursday, two days before the regular season opener at the New York Liberty on May 7, which will air on ESPN at 6 p.m.

Bonner and Williams will both be out for that first regular season game, as Bonner's timeline to return from her season overseas remains up in the air and Williams has to serve a two-game suspension to start the season. When asked how those absences could affect roster decisions, Miller said he doesn't want to be "a prisoner of the moment" and will be focused on the best long-term decision for the franchise.

Miller went with a starting five of Jasmine Thomas, Williams, Alyssa Thomas, Brionna Jones and Jonquel Jones on Sunday, all players who have their spot on the Sun secured. Those veterans didn't play anywhere close to the minutes they will throughout the regular season. But in the short time that group was on the floor, forwards Jonquel Jones, Alyssa Thomas and Brionna Jones were especially dominant.

Alyssa Thomas, back fully healthy after sitting out most of last season rehabbing a torn Achilles tendon, scored five of the Sun's first seven points. She finished with eight points, four rebounds and two assists in a little over 18 minutes. Jonquel Jones picked up right where she left off from her MVP season, scoring eight points in less than a seven-minute span early in the first quarter. She finished with 15 points, two rebounds and two assists in just under 14 minutes. Brionna Jones had 14 points and six rebounds in just under 15 minutes.

"You've got to work out some kinks offensively, how to put them all in the best position to be successful and what our spacing looks like," Miller said of playing the trio together. "But those are three really, really talented players, and it's our job, players and coaches, to figure out how to put the best players on the floor together. ... So it will be a work in progress, but I look forward to that fun challenge and the evolution of it throughout the season."

Of the first-year players fighting for roster spots, Clouden made a strong impression. She was the first sub into the game and finished with eight points.

Second year pro Stephanie Jones also stood out. The 6-2 forward went on a tear in the second quarter, scoring nine consecutive points for Connecticut, including two layups, an and-one bucket and two more shots at the free-throw line. "We need that!" Jonquel Jones shouted from the bench after the second bucket, the bench of veterans clearly impressed with the run, which helped put the Sun back in control before halftime.

"I love to see it, man," Jonquel Jones said. "Steph works really hard. And you just love to see somebody who puts in the time and the effort just go out there and have a good game."

Another second-year pro, Carrington, made her case to return to the team with her performance as well. She finished with 12 points, six rebounds and two assists in 23 minutes.

Anderson, who recently joined the team in training camp, played 21 minutes — the second most of any player behind Carrington — and finished with 11 points, four rebounds and three assists.

"Yvonne's been the shortest in camp, so what we don't have is a lot of practice film, a lot of time watching her, so very intentful, we needed to see her play," Miller said. "Really happy with how she managed the game when she was at the point guard. We're learning about each other. She's learning our system; we're learning her."

With strong performances from many of the players looking to earn a spot on the Sun in preseason action and another week of training camp to evaluate, Miller has tough decisions ahead to finalize the roster that gives Connecticut its best shot of winning its first championship.

"If I get used to waiving players, then I need to get out," Miller said. "It's not professionally an easy thing to talk to a player that they're being waived and won't be on the opening day roster. Those discussions are not easy for me, but essential to what my job entails.

"But I have a philosophy of putting together tremendous training camps to really take care of their complacency, that you come back and you're fighting for your job from some of that second unit, and then trying to always improve. What is the end of the bench? What does your second unit look like? And I'm not going to change that philosophy. I think that only makes us better."

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